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League-Supported Candidates Score Victories

by Dave Hepburn

The Protective League was proud to support the campaign efforts of the two newest City Council Members, Alex Padilla (7th District) and Nick Pacheco (14th District). They each scored significant victories in hard-fought campaigns, and both bring tremendous ability and energy to their new positions. The Protective League looks forward to many productive years of working together with the two new members of the City Council.

In addition to the two newest members of the Council, our long-time friend, Nate Holden, hung tough in a difficult campaign to win another term on the Council. Congratulations to all three Councilmen.

New Charter Passes

Citywide, 83% of the electorate stayed home on election day. Only in the three Council Districts in which there were Council elections was there

a significant turnout. As a result, a small fraction of Angelenos made the decision to approve the new Charter for the rest of the City.

The provisions of the new Charter must be enacted by ordinance, which will take some time. An optimistic estimate is that the provisions of the new Charter will become effective as early as July 1, 2000. There are meet and confer issues that will have to be addressed, which may prolong the process.

Most of the changes that are of consequence to the League involve modifications to Charter 202, police discipline. The new Charter also adds a retired police officer and a retired firefighter to the Pension Board, but makes no changes to pension benefits. These issues were discussed in some detail in the April *Thin Blue Line*.

As we approach the implementation of the new Charter, along with the new ordinances to make it work, we will

update the membership on the specific changes.

Chief Attempts to Hold Off the Charlatans

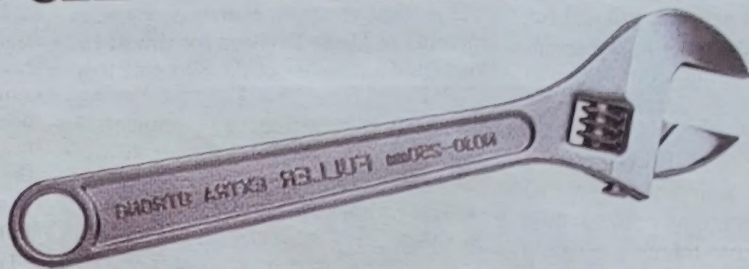
Whenever there's a police shooting or use of force incident that doesn't conform to the public's general perception of how officers should react in critical situations, the usual band of self-appointed critics slither out from the sewers and spread venom in the community. Such has been the case in Los Angeles and other cities across the country. The recent firing of four officers in Riverside is only the latest example of officers who perhaps were sacrificed in order to silence a small but vocal band of protestors. The voices of these small select groups get far too much attention and are given far more validity than they deserve. The concerns of the majority of the community and public safety are frequently forgotten in the rush to silence

criticism and to identify a scapegoat.

To his credit, Chief Parks recently went on the offensive to counter the critics of a shooting that occurred in Wilshire Division. He said as much as he reasonably could have been expected to say in support of the officers, given that he has to maintain an air of objectivity regarding the outcome of the investigation. Nonetheless, even his temperate comments, factual and to the point, were met with hysterical comments in the *Los Angeles Times* about returning to the bad old days of police leadership.

There's no doubt the Chief will be challenged continuously to defend the truth against the emotional outbursts of ill-informed critics for whom the facts are irrelevant. That's a tough burden that not many leaders are willing to shoulder, but the members of the Department and the public deserve no less. ♦

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PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

GARY MORGAN, VICE PRESIDENT

The Chief and a Few of His Top Deputy Chiefs and Commanders are Attempting to Have Those Within the Command Officer Ranks Engage in Misconduct and Possibly an Illegal Activity

The Chief and a few of his bureau chiefs and commanders are attempting to have commanding officers prepare written correspondence and make phone calls to state officials, civic leaders, and community members to lobby against Senate Bill 402. The bill is in reference to binding arbitration on contractual disputes concerning public safety employees. The problem arises when our Department policy, city policy and law, prohibit Department personnel from participating and supporting political activity while on city time or with city resources.

If you doubt the policies, please read the Chief's own Order of May 25, 1999, to all Department personnel. The memo discusses the June Charter Reform Ballot Measure and what your responsibility is as a Department employee. The document further cites the Chief's position, the Department policy, City Attorney's opinion, and the political policy pamphlet outlining your responsibility and acceptable behavior.

The most troubling problem with the memos that have been generated by the Chief, his deputy chiefs, and his commanders to the command staff, is the information they cite which is inaccurate, misleading, and in some cases, lacks any form of truth. The part that irritated me more than any of the other misrepresentations was that binding arbitration will pay us *too much money* in wages. I wonder if the Chief, his deputy chiefs, commanders, and captains really believe we might make too much money? The command officers might want to think this issue out before taking a position on the bill.

The Chief may think his salary of \$219,000 (plus perks) is too high, the deputy chiefs might even consider their salary of almost \$190,000 as possibly overpaid, and the commanders might imagine their salary of \$160,000 to \$170,000 is slightly excessive.

But to the remaining 9,800 police officers I represent, the salaries we receive still need improvement and binding arbitration only permits us to be treated fairly. The issue of binding arbitration does not guarantee your wages, benefits, or working conditions. The passage of binding arbitration only guarantees you the opportunity to prove your case and assures you the opportunity to negotiate in good faith. The City needs to look at their past practices and one can surely see

why this issue is of the utmost importance to our members.

I strongly encourage every commanding officer to evaluate the merits of this very important issue before you react and draw an uninformed decision but, if you elect to follow the Chief and his band of merry followers, beware of the possible misconduct you may be committing. I guess the Chief believes in that old saying, "Do as I say, not as I do."

Do We Need Tactical Shooting Training Days and Who Should Pay the Expense?

Believe me when I say I am a very strong supporter of both tactical training and tactical shooting exercises. I was a member of Metro Division for almost 15 years and a member of the Shooting Review Board for almost 13 years. During my tenure in both of these assignments, I gained the experience necessary to become a Department expert in the area of tactics and shooting situations. The subject of training is of the utmost importance to every member of our Department. The knowledge we gain from both tactical training days and tactical shooting exercises may someday save the life of a citizen, a partner, or possibly our own life. I don't think anyone will dispute this reality. The Department, the City Council, and the citizens demand that we maintain a level of expertise and proficiency. Yet, the question that continues to surface is, who should pay for these training exercises?

If the City were to consider the potential liability of future litigation for improper tactics or actions of officers in these types of situations, the answer should be very simple. The City should provide and pay for this type of training. The budgetary expenses of training and the cost of possible civil litigation cannot even be compared, not to mention the

possibility of saving lives. Yet month after month I get calls from officers asking why must we pay for additional ammo and range fees for training and expertise the Department should provide. The answer must fall on the Department and the budgetary process. The Department for years has failed to budget tactical training exercises and tactical shooting days and the necessary expenses relating to both benefits.

The Department has anticipated the commitment and dedication of the officers to put forth the expense necessary to pay these costs. The Department knows the importance of the issue and has depended on the employee to subsidize the City budget. If you doubt this theory, look at the bonus shoot policy. Officers continue to pay for the opportunity to shoot the bonus shoot course and this commitment is not solely for the marksmanship compensation. The majority of those who practice their shooting ability and strive for a better skill level, honestly do so for their protection and the protection of their partners.

I don't believe it's the cost of the ammo or the cost for range fees that aggravates the officers who take the time to voice their displeasure with the expense. I believe it's the manner by which the Department expects officers to pay these fees and the memos from the various commanding officers requiring their employees to participate in these training exercises. This demanding attitude or practice truly takes away from the spirit and desire of employees to look forward to and participate in these important programs.

I recently had one commanding officer refuse to modify his language on his published memo. The memo used the typical language or verbiage that the range fees

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TRADITION WITH VISION

TED HUNT, SECRETARY

In the late 1760s, the American colonists were loyal subjects of the British Crown; Englishmen who lived in the American colonies. They held fast to the belief that as an Englishman they could only be taxed by representatives they elected. But the condescending ruling class in England simply could not fathom Americans as co-equals and refused to allow American representatives in the English Parliament.

Their belief manifested itself in oppressive, ill-thought British policies, followed up with the inability of the Crown to recognize the failure of those policies. The failed policies eventually led to the War of Independence and Britain's loss of the Americas. The arrogance of the British ruling class totally ignored the signs of anger and frustration which were building rebellion in the hearts and minds of otherwise loyal Englishmen.

For example, officers of the British Army, who were deeply imbued with the rituals of "spit and polish" held the "colonial officers" in contempt. The British were so concerned with how they looked, that they began to confuse "looking sharp" in their white-powdered wigs and white-powdered breeches, with the ability to win a war. As we all know, the "dirty rabble" Americans beat the British.

The Americans did not want to form a separate country. They were proud to be British and wanted to remain loyal to the Crown. But the Americans wanted to be treated with respect, dignity and equality, as do all human beings. But the British couldn't recognize that the failures of their abusive policies were causing them to lose the hearts and minds of the Americans. The British allowed arrogance to cloud their thinking. The pomposity of Parliament wouldn't allow them to share power.

After the abject policy failures of the Stamp Act, Navigation Acts, and Townshend Act, all of which embarrassed and frustrated Parliament, the Brits decided to show the Americans once and for all who was "ruler" of the Americas. So Parliament passed the Intolerable Acts, also called the Coercive or Punitive Acts. One was the Boston Port Bill, designed to force Bostonians to pay the East India Company for the damages and losses incurred at the Bos-

ton Tea Party. The Brits believed that the other colonies would support the Crown in punishing the "treasonous" Bostonians. But the colonies stood with Boston, realizing that the wrath of Britain could easily be wielded upon them as well.

The first of the Intolerable Acts was the Massachusetts Regulatory Act that effectively did away with local colonial government in Massachusetts, including the right to have town meetings. That policy failure drew the colonies closer together.

The Administration of Justice Act allowed representatives of the Crown, accused of wrongdoing in America, to opt for trial in England, thus escaping local justice. That policy failed because double standards for the elite are always resented by the people. The next policy failure was the Quartering Act, which said if barracks were not furnished for British troops, they could billet in privately-owned homes and businesses.

The Quebec Act was a policy failure too. It was a deliberate attempt to stop the westward expansion of American colonies by extending the Canadian border into the Ohio River Valley where Virginia and other colonies had already laid claim to territorial rights.

The insistence of the British Parliament to prosecute its policies of retribution, to punish people who were only trying to do the right thing, people whose talents and abilities would have brought more success and wealth to England than it could possibly imagine, to punish people who consistently pledged loyalty to the motherland, can only be labeled as buffoonery.

The British were so aloof and cavalier that they couldn't see Americans as having independent value. The aristocracy expected Americans to comply with the supreme British law because - it was British law. The Crown had become so blinded that it didn't see the hearts and minds of the Americans slipping away.

Essentially, the English were trying to prove a point - "supremacy without being able to use it" - at the risk of losing

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In a recent and potentially controversial shooting in Wilshire, Chief Parks stepped up in support of the officers and LAPD's officer involved shooting investigation process. His support for fairness to the officers and the procedures in place, against the impatience of the media and potential political interference, was admirable.

- Ted Hunt

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TIM SANDS, TREASURER

Changing of the Guard

With the retirement of my friend and co-Director Lenny Munoz (I wish him well), I have been given the responsibility of Delegate and Membership (i.e., Delegates Conference) and Police Memorial Liaison. In the near future, I will be contacting the Delegates on the Delegates Conference Committee and pick up where Lenny left off. I am hoping that

this year's Delegates Conference will be successful and informative.

Police Memorial

In mid-May, during Police Memorial Week, Lenny Munoz and I had the honor to assist the families of Steve Gajda, Fil Cuesta, and Brian Brown--L.A.P.D. officers who were killed in the line of duty in 1998. The slain officers and their families were honored in ceremonies in Sacra-

mento and Washington, D.C. As in the past, this time is for healing and remembering these fine officers. During this time I got to know some of the family members and the one main message that the family members expressed was how good they felt when co-workers and partners would write or call them periodically. This made them feel that their sons, husbands, or fathers who gave the

expected, everybody was very busy and boxes of Workers' Compensation cases were stacked to the ceiling waiting to get filed. However, despite all the hustle and bustle, the transition appeared to be well organized and going smoothly. Kim Michels, Senior Division Manager, is the League's direct contact with Cambridge. I have arranged a procedure with Kim where she will personally address any service complaints. The League and Cambridge will schedule monthly meetings with our members' attorneys and with Cambridge's attorneys in order to expedite the settling of cases in the near future.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Workers' Compensation issues, call me or Rick Wells at the League (213) 251-4554.

Chief of Police Supports Officers

In a time when the League and Chief of Police are at odds over the many issues that face a large metropolitan department, I would like to give credit where credit is due. The Chief of Police stepped up to the plate and supported the Wilshire officers in the recent controversial officer involved shooting in Wilshire Division. In doing so, the Chief of Police has been attacked by the media and community activists. Through the attacks he has stood by the officers. I have in the past, and I am sure in the future, will disagree with the Chief of Police on the many policies and procedures of this Department. However, I have always believed you should give credit where credit is due. For his actions in this incident he deserves a thank you.

The League as always will be supporting and ensuring that a fair and impartial investigation is conducted and the officer's basic rights are not violated.

Take care and be safe.



Photo by Dennis P. Zine

LAPPL Memorial wreath at the luncheon for survivors families sponsored by the League. The League honored Officers Steve Gajda, Fil Cuesta and Brian Brown.

ultimate sacrifice were not forgotten. They wanted me to say "thank you for the support."

Workers' Compensation Issues

On June 7, 1999, Cambridge Integrated Service became the new third-party administrator for Workers' Compensation. On June 8, 1999, I toured their offices in Pasadena. As would be




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The parents, aunt, brothers and children of slain officer Steve Gajda, with Director Tim Sands at the California Peace Officers' Memorial Luncheon in Sacramento.

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Sometimes thinking of things to write about is very difficult. We all get tired of the continual horror stories of our discipline system going out of control or the lack of leadership pervading our Department. I try and try to think of positive things to talk about but my mind draws a blank. As I was writing this article I received a call from a veteran detective who needed advice about off duty work while on suspension. He had an issue that has caused problems for many officers. He was relieved from duty to serve his suspension and was forced to turn in his service weapon and

badge. He was told by his commanding officer that he could not carry a concealed weapon while off on suspension. The League believes that this is an illegal order because an officer's right to carry a concealed weapon comes from the state, not the Chief of Police. Additionally, this officer had a valid guard card and gun permit for off duty work. This provided him with explicit power to carry a concealed weapon. The Department can tell you not to carry your service weapon and not to identify yourself as a Los Angeles Police Officer. They can also deny or cancel a

work permit for off duty work for appropriate reasons. But they can not tell you to not carry a concealed weapon for off duty work without an adequate basis of denial. This officer didn't want to confront this issue, but I am sure it is an issue for others.

The other issue that struck me was how nonchalant this detective was in receiving a lengthy suspension. He explained to me that his case involved domestic violence in which *he* was the victim. He explained that his wife continually abused him and he knew that if he did anything against her, he would be summarily terminated by the Department. Even though he believed he was factually innocent of any wrongdoing, he knew he was lucky that he had not been ordered to a Board of Rights. He implicitly knew that it would be professional suicide to opt for a Board of Rights. I was impressed with his sullen acceptance of the facts of LAPD life — that it really doesn't matter if an accused officer is innocent. The only issue is the preservation of the LAPD image. The Department must look strong when its officers are accused of bad things, especially domestic violence. If the Department found him innocent, even in the face of convincing evidence to the contrary, the fear would be that the Department is weak on such issues. So the detective accepted his fate and only sought a way to ameliorate his circumstances by working off duty during his suspension. And what does the Department do? It illegally orders him to not do it. I guess it isn't enough that he is suspended and his career is ruined. Maybe they think he should go out and beg to meet his financial obligations. But, come to think of it, that would most likely be considered

"conduct unbecoming an officer" and he would suffer more retribution.

I used to feel sorry for all our well-meaning command officers because they are caught between a rock and a hard spot. If a command officer demonstrates any compassion for his troops and fails to toe the party line, he/she had better look out. Fast retribution will occur. Just ask Captain Tom Moselle. Moselle is a well-meaning person who has always tried to do the right thing when it comes to personnel decisions. Obviously, doing the right thing is against Department policy. Moselle was recently sent packing from Hollenbeck to Northeast on an overnight administrative transfer. He was reamed out for "being too soft" and told that his policy of fairness was unacceptable. Funny thing is, from the League's perspective, Moselle had already learned his lesson on Department philosophy by finding several officers guilty and recommending termination on little or no evidence. I guess he hadn't learned his lesson well enough. But why feel sorry for these command officers? All they can raise is the old "Nuremberg Defense," where they profess innocence because they were "only following orders." Well, that didn't cut it at the end of WWII, and it doesn't cut it now. It will be interesting to see if there are any "leaders" out there with the gumption to do what is right regardless of their personal jeopardy. I haven't seen any yet. Am I wasting my time waiting for such an act of heroism? I won't hold my breath.

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Police Memorials

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Nikki's kid brother was riding his bike and was struck by a car and killed. Can you imagine how this young lady felt?

I write this not to gather sympathy for Nikki, but to point out the indomitable spirit possessed by this fine young lady. Whereas other people may have crumpled under these tremendous blows, Nicole Sintic stood her ground and has emerged as a fine citizen; a good contributor to society. She did not whimper and whine. She resolutely overcame those obstacles fate cast at her and stands proud today, remembering her dad who gave his life in valiant fashion for the citizens of Los Angeles.

Nikki was well received at the luncheon and at the memorial service. She was able to honor her dad's memory with her head held high. All she asks is to be a part of the LAPD family. The League will ensure that. I put her in touch with Ann Brunzell of the LAPD Family Support Group, who I know will do everything humanly possible for Ms. Sintic. Welcome home Nikki.

(Editor's Note: any friends or partners of Nick Sintic who may wish to communicate with Nikki, can contact the Editor.)

The May 7th and 8th state ceremonies conducted by the California Police Officers Memorial Foundation was, as usual,

a classy and moving event. California Governor Gray Davis presided over the ceremonies. Also present were Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante and Attorney General Bill Lockyer as well as many



Former League Director Lenny Muñoz with Robert Presley, head of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency (YACA). Mr. Presley swore in retired LAPD Officer Muñoz to his new post as a Commissioner on the Board of Prison Terms.

police chiefs from throughout the state. Thousands of family members, citizens and police officers from various agencies were present to pay their respects.

The grandfather of them all was held in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C., from May 13 through May 16. This event is co-sponsored by the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) organization, the

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and the National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). This is a tremendous tribute to those officers who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of public safety and is a major event on the Eastern seaboard, drawing over twenty five thousand people to the Capitol Mall. Vice-President Al Gore presided over the services on May 15, while U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno led the candlelight vigil on May 13 at the NLEOMF monument located in Judiciary Square.

As always, the League membership provided financial assistance to the family survivors in the areas of transportation, lodging and sustenance. All were appreciative and asked me to extend thank you's to our members.

In addition to the aforementioned services, St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs held a memorial service on May 20, 1999, to honor Officer Fil Cuesta, a 1989 graduate of that institution. League Delegate Alex Ortiz of Hollenbeck Division was instrumental in organizing that tribute at his Alma Mater. Retired LAPD Captain Joe DeLadurantey (St. Paul, '60) and former Chief of Police with the Torrance Police Department was a keynote speaker. The ceremony was attended by the student body and faculty of St. Paul's, along with a large number of local law enforcement officers as well as many LAPD officers.

Centurions Go Out With a Victory

The LAPD Centurions completed a successful season (3-2) with a narrow 21 to 20 win over the L.A. Heat (L.A. City and County Firefighters) on Sunday May 23, at Valley College. Congratulations to the entire Centurion organization (players, coaches, cheerleaders, volunteer workers and the Centurion Board of Directors). Thanks for your dedication not

only to the Department, but to the Blind Children's Center of Los Angeles. Your participation for a worthy cause on an off-duty basis is greatly appreciated.

Washington, D.C., Postscript

It's not every day you meet a genuine hero. Thanks to Filbert and Rose Cuesta, I was fortunate to experience just that.

First a little background. Rose Cuesta is a voracious reader and works at the La Mirada Library. She is a patriotic American with great interest in all things regarding the Vietnam War. This probably stems from her husband's (Fil, Sr.), service as a crew chief with the First Air Cavalry in Vietnam. Fil was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, among other decorations during his tours of duty in the combat zone.

Two of the books she read were about Naval flier Lt. Everett Alvarez, a Californian from Salinas. Lt. Alvarez was the



Lt. Everett Alvarez (Navy-Ret.) with Fil and Rose Cuesta, parents of slain Officer Fil Cuesta, Jr. during Police Memorial Week.

first American shot down over North Vietnam in 1964. He was subsequently held captive for eight-and-a-half years at the

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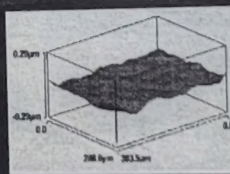
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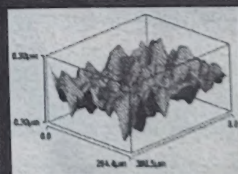
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Have you ever been annoyed by unsolicited telephone calls at home by credit card companies, donation solicitors, or computer generation junk calls? A lot of people have, and as a result of the annoyance, as well as fraudulent telemarketing scams, Senator Liz Figueroa has introduced legislation (SB 988) to establish a California "do not call" list of persons who do not want to receive unsolicited sales calls. This bill would prohibit sellers from making specified types of telephonic solicitation calls to telephone numbers on the list.

While attending this Senate Committee hearing, I was shocked at the six page list of commercial fundraisings for law enforcement and firefighters. There was testimony before the committee that, on average, only ten to twenty percent of the funds raised goes to the sponsoring organization. The rest of the funds (80%+) goes to the telemarketers of the boiler room operations. The testimony also revealed that the caller on these scams, receives 35% of the funds generated. When you see the list, I think that you'll agree that this fundraising is an embarrassment to professional law enforcement officers.

The League does not engage in these activities, but the telemarketers invade our jurisdiction, leading their victims to believe the solicited donations go to our officers. I believe that SB 988 is a good

law that should be passed. The telemarketing industry was also in Sacramento opposing this legislation. The AARP was in full support of this law because senior citizens are often targeted victims because they are eager to donate to police and fire issues.

Another piece of legislation being closely watched that will impact police officers' personally-owned firearms is SB 15 by Richard Polanco. This bill would prevent the resale or sale of any concealable firearms that the manufacturer doesn't submit for safety and drop tests to be established by the California Department of Justice. To get the bill through the Assembly Public Safety Committee, Senator Polanco amended SB 15 to exempt peace officers, on or off duty, and retirees. But the firearms covered by this legislation could not lawfully be sold in California. Many legislative analysts believe this legislation could have an adverse impact on active law enforcement officers. The League will keep you posted on this law.

The last piece of pending legislation that can hurt police officers' personal weapon inventory is SB 23 by Perata, which proposes to outlaw pistol magazines with a capacity of more than ten rounds. While the author of the bill will probably amend the legislation to grant a law enforcement exemption, that ex-

emption will only apply to Department-authorized weapons. The League has opposed this bill.

The League and the Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) have sponsored AB 1586 (Florez) to allow officers to prohibit their agency from posting their photograph on the Internet. That bill passed the Assembly 76-0. The bill became hung up in the Senate Public Safety Committee over

the issue of an officer that may be wanted for a crime. We are working to amend the bill to allow this, if there is an outstanding arrest warrant.

Be careful out there. If you are not fully participating in the Deferred Compensation program, this is the perfect time to take your pay raise and apply it to Deferred Comp. Do it and you will thank yourself in the future.

Certain Eligible Article XXXV Members Allowed to Transfer from Plan II to Plan I Charter Amendment Approved by the Voters

by Tim Sands & Cliff Ruff

I. Background

On November 3, 1998, a charter amendment was approved by voters allowing members hired or merged into the Police and Fire Departments the opportunity to transfer from Plan II to Plan I of Article XXXV. The charter amendment designates that all sworn members hired on or after July 1, 1997, up to and including December 31, 1997, are eligible for a one-time irrevocable election to transfer. The transfer window for eligible members is from Friday, February 5, 1999, through Friday, August 6, 1999.

II. Application Period

Notices have already been sent to eligible members hired between July 1, 1997, and December 31, 1997. This is a one-time irrevocable election to transfer, therefore, all information should be thoroughly reviewed before a decision is made. Your spouse shares a community property interest in your pension. If you are married, we highly recommend that the information be reviewed by and discussed with your spouse and that your spouse sign the application. Applications to transfer to Plan I will be accepted starting February 5, 1999, but NO LATER THAN August 6, 1999. There is no provision for extending the election period unless a member is on military leave.

III. Comparison

The following are the three significant differences between Plan I and Plan II:

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REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS	Refundable if no pension paid to member	Contributions are non-refundable
DEFERRED RETIREMENTS	Eligible after 10 YOS* (to begin at age 50)	Deferred Retirement Option not available

*YOS: Years of Service

IV. Submission

After you and your spouse (if applicable) have carefully reviewed the information, submit the application no later than 5:00pm on Friday, August 6, 1999. Applications can be mailed or submitted in person at the Department of Pensions at 360 E. Second Street, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Applications mailed to the Department are required to be notarized and must be postmarked no later than August 6, 1999. We encourage you to submit your form at least two weeks before the deadline to allow enough time to verify the accuracy and completeness of your application.

V. Contact For Questions

If you were hired between July 1, 1997, and December 31, 1997, and have not yet received the information and application form, please contact Member Services at (213) 485-4493. Our staff will be happy to assist you.



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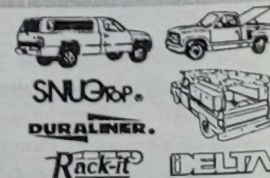
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The People Have Spoken and Voted Yes on Charter Reform

The Charter Reform debate turned hot and heavy in the final weeks before the June 8th election. The City's powerful unions and majority of City Councilmembers rallied to campaign against the Charter Reform measure. On the other side, Mayor Riordan, Chief Bernard Parks, and other members of the insiders management team pulled their muscle and money together to convince the electorate to vote for the measure. In the end, the Charter Reform measure passed at the polls. With less than 16% of the City's 1.4 million registered voters turning out for the election, the vast majority of voters lost interest in the important issue of Charter Reform. Those who voted decided that the system should be changed, with additional power put in the hands of the mayor.

The Charter Reform measure was passed with over 60% support. Two secondary measures to expand the size of the Council from the current 15 to either 21 or 25 members, went down in defeat. I spent two years working with the Elected Charter Reform Commission while performing my duties as a League Director. I was able to keep the Board of Directors and you, our membership, informed of the progress of Charter Reform and the many attempts the Department made to undermine your current Charter protections. We were able to prevent the Chief of Police from weakening the protections and rights afforded to officers by the disciplinary procedures in the new Charter.

I will be happy to discuss specific details with interested members.

City Council Elections are Over and Our Three Endorsed Candidates All Won!

The June 8th City Council elections proved to be another major victory for your League. Our candidates in the 7th, 10th and 14th Council Districts all won their run-off races with ease. All of our other endorsed candidates won their campaigns in the primary election. Our latest tally is an incredible 100% success in supporting winning City Council candidates.

It may be time for our Chief of Police to realize that he must work with us and not against us.

In the 7th Council District in the San Fernando Valley, Alex Padilla won with a victory of nearly 70% of the vote. In the 10th District in Mid-City, our good and supporting friend Nate Holden won with 55% of the vote. Deputy District Attorney and my fellow Charter Reform Commissioner Nick Pacheco won his seat in the Eastside's 14th District with 52% of the vote.

These three victories came with the assistance of our Political Action Committee members.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I wish to thank the following League members for the assistance they provided during our phone bank operations and other political activities: Art and Diane Gomez, Joe Salazar, Gary Macnamara, Tom Stapleton, Steve Saletros, John Nisbet, Ken Koch, and Alex and Arlene Ortiz.

Sgt. Joe Priebe Rides Again

The 10th Annual Sergeant Joe Priebe motorcycle ride to Death Valley's Furnace Creek was another great success. Over 90 motorcycles participated in this year's event. Active and retired members rode the trail from Devonshire Station to Death Valley in early May. Some rode solo while others brought passengers. Valley Traffic Division's Sergeant Bill Justice rode a new BMW with his beautiful wife Lisa holding on. Specialized Traffic Enforcement Division Motor Of-



Photo by Dennis P. Zine
Sgt. Joe Priebe, coordinator of Furnace Creek Motorcycle Ride.

ficer Mario Cruz rode his new Harley with his soon-to-be-wife Debbie hugging his slim hips. There was Valley Traffic Division Motor Sergeant Ben Lee who rode solo, while his wife Sandy stayed home with their two young children. Valley Traffic Division Motor Officer J.J. Leonard rode with his young grandson Phillip, who was holding on for dear life. Retired Lieutenant Roy Kautz, my academy classmate, was on board on his white Honda Gold Wing. Narcotics K-9 handler Detective Mike Gray rode his Harley Road King, which had more chrome than any other bike on the trip. While most of the riders were from the LAPD, there were officers from San Francisco, the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, Simi Valley Police Department and the Culver City Police Department. The three-day adventure was exciting and enjoyed by all who did not break down. Yes, some of those custom Harleys broke down and had to be towed. Fortunately, we had two follow vehicles with trailers to handle the problems. Retired Lieutenant Ron Hall, a certified Harley mechanic, was on the trip and attended to all of the mechanical problems.

If you have a motorcycle and enjoy long rides, think about joining us for the 11th Annual Ride next year. You will have a great time and bond with your brother and sister law enforcement colleagues.

Summer Motorcycle Ride Information

The 4th Annual Downed Officer Support Motorcycle Ride will take place on Sunday, August 22nd. Registration will begin at 0800 hours, at the Valencia Town Center Mall located at McBean Parkway and Valencia Boulevard in Santa Clarita.

The 100-mile poker run will conclude with a variety of events including entertainment and lunch. Proceeds benefit the LAPD and LASD Family Support Groups.

All motorcycle riders are welcome to participate. The cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. Additional information may be obtained by calling (661) 255-6522.

Hell No, They Won't Go

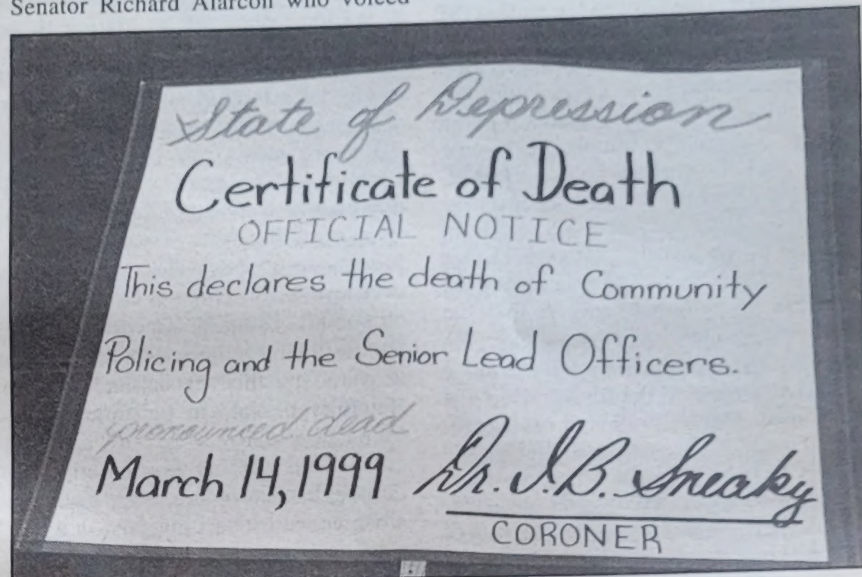
A community rally to bring attention to the demise of the Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Program was held at Woodley Park on May 8th. Over 100 Senior Lead supporters from each of the 18 patrol divisions gathered to pay respect to the SLO's who were pulled from their successful community policing program by Chief Parks earlier this year. The supporters spoke of the success of the program and just how successful and productive the program really was. The supporters are not letting the SLO go without a fight. Very unkind words were spoken about Chief Parks by those in attendance.

The rally even brought out State Senator Richard Alarcon who voiced

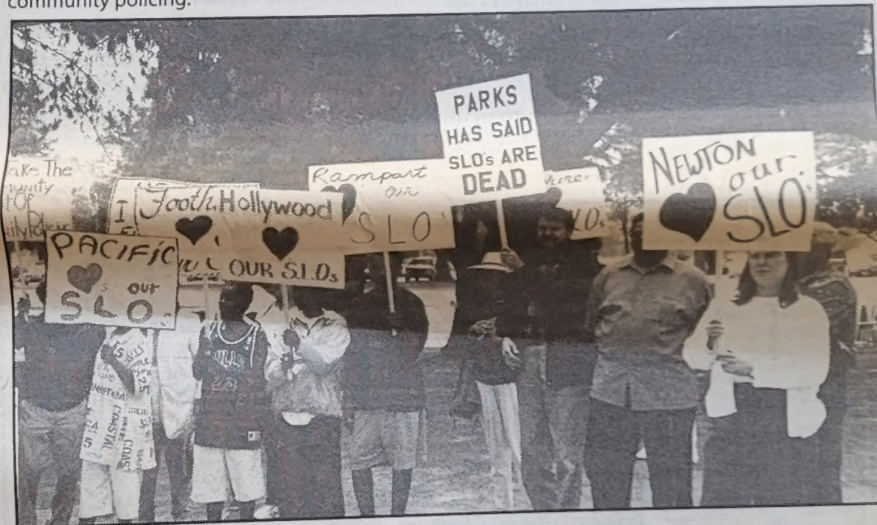
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Community members turn out to protest the elimination of the Senior Lead Program and community policing.



his support for the SLO Program. This type of community protest will continue until the Department returns the "community" to community policing.

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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

Chief of Police Under Unfair Attacks for Supporting Wilshire Officers

I personally wish to thank and commend Chief of Police Bernard Parks for his strong public comments in support of the Wilshire Area officers involved in the unfortunate shooting of Mrs. Margaret Mitchell on May 21, 1999. Because of his supporting comments, Chief Parks has been unfairly attacked by members of the media, community activists and some City Council members. During these attacks the Chief has been erroneously accused of using improper responses in defense of the involved officers. He has been wrongly accused of exonerating the officers by telling everyone that the shooting was not the officers' fault. We have closely monitored the Chief's comments regarding this incident and have concluded that these attacks against the Chief are outright falsehoods and are designed to erode the Chief's commitment of ensuring a fair and thorough investigation of the facts leading to the use of deadly force by the involved officer.

We at the League are standing by to ensure that the Chief's goals in this case are met. It seems to us that those who are attacking the Chief will not hesitate to grant drug dealers, murderers and rapists more protection under the law than police officers, who put their lives on the line every day to protect Los Angeles residents from violent criminals and mental

health problems on the streets. In our view, Chief Parks' comments regarding this incident have simply been designed to ensure that the involved Wilshire officers receive the same legal protections as the dangerous criminals they have risked their lives to apprehend.

With alarming frequency, police officers involved in controversial uses of deadly force throughout the country are tried and convicted by community activists in the media way before the concerned public agency has had an opportunity to conduct a thorough investigation of the facts. Time after time, prosecutors in other states are making decisions to file criminal charges based on political climates, not criminal facts. Far too often we have seen police officers in other jurisdictions become victims, losing their jobs and benefits prior to being found guilty of any criminal charges. Too many law enforcement families have to endure severe hardships when police officers involved in a controversial use of force are suspended without pay, lose their homes, their personal possessions and face bankruptcy and the loss of health care before a thorough and fair investigation of the facts is completed and a proper adjudication is concluded. We believe that these are the unfair scenarios that Chief Parks is attempting to prevent in Los Angeles by his public comments in support of the Wil-

shire officers. For his efforts, he deserves our thanks and appreciation.

Can the Department Call an Accused Officer as Its First Witness During a Board of Rights?

Recently a relatively inexperienced Defense Representative seemed disturbed after a Department Advocate called the accused officer as its first witness during the Department's case in chief during a hearing before a Board of Rights. The debate among League attorneys and Defense Representatives about whether it is legally appropriate to allow the Department to call the accused officer as its first witness during a Board of Rights comes up quite frequently during our training sessions. The following information is an attempt to provide the prevalent views on both sides of this issue.

The first view often takes the position that it is fundamentally inappropriate and unfair for the Department to try and meet its burden of proof by calling the accused officer first. This side argues that fairness and simple due process should require that an accused officer should be able to hear and see the evidence in support of the charges first, before the accused testifies in his/her own defense. Both sides accept the proposition that there is no rule of law permitting an accused officer to refuse to testify, except for recognized constitutional or statutory privileges. According to this side of the issue however, the wisest course of action to ensure a full and fair hearing is for the Board chairperson to go off the record and inquire from the Defense Representative as to whether the accused officer will be called during the defense case in chief. If so, the chairperson should ask the Department Advocate to wait until the accused is called and then have latitude in cross-examination.

The other side of the issue takes the view that every party has a fundamental right to call any witness in any order it deems appropriate, and that right should not be limited except for good cause. This applies equally to the right of the Department or a Defense Representative to call any individual as an adverse witness. Just as it is permissible for the Department Advocate to call the accused officer as its first witness, it is also permissible for a Defense Representative to call a complainant, or the complaint investigator or the officer's commanding officer as its first witness. This accepted strategy may be used by both sides for the same reason -- to pin down the other party's version of the facts under oath. This side summa-

rizes its position by asserting that members of a Board of Rights should not interfere with either party's case strategy or presentation.

While giving merit to both views, the opinion of some of us at the League on this issue is that several unique features of hearings before Boards of Rights should support the imposition of limits on the Department's right to call the accused officer as its first witness. Often, the accused officer is the person least familiar with the Board of Rights process. The Department Advocates, Defense Representatives, Board members and officers' attorneys may have dealt with each other frequently during other hearings, while the accused officer may be a total stranger to the process. We urge that care should be taken to insure that an accused officer's natural nervousness and uncertainty in this setting are not used to his or her disadvantage by a Department Advocate. When an accused officer is called as a first witness, the Board chairperson should explain the "adverse witness" process to the accused and make sure that the accused officer understands that the Defense Representative, or the accused's attorney, will be able to ask additional questions at a later time. If requested, the Board chairperson should also allow the Defense Representative (or attorney) to consult briefly with the accused officer in advance of the adverse examination to explain the process and give appropriate advice. Also, the scope of the Department Advocate's questions should be limited to presenting the elements of its prima facie case. That is, the questioning should be limited only to ascertaining the accused officer's version of the facts upon which the proposed discipline is based, and the accused officer's knowledge of the applicable departmental rules. Broader questions designed to embarrass or discredit the accused officer generally, which may raise collateral credibility issues, or which are an effort to rebut the defense case before it has been presented, should not be allowed and defense objections to them should be sustained. With these protections in place, we believe the rights of accused officers may be adequately protected without interfering with the Department's right to present its case.

Different views to the ones discussed above on this issue are certainly welcomed. Please contact me at the League.

Enjoy the summer and call us with any questions.

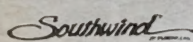


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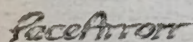
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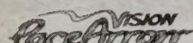
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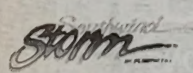
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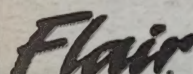
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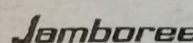
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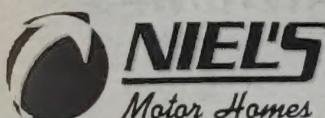


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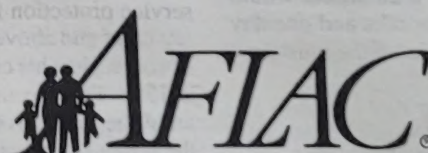
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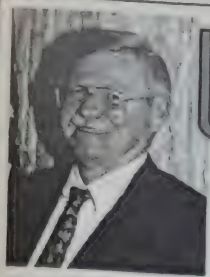
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by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

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-John Donne

Nothing is Constant Except Change

Well, about seventeen percent of the voters in Los Angeles turned out for the election and nearly sixty percent of them gave the City of Los Angeles a new Charter. It will become effective in less than a year. On July 1, 2000 the bulk of the new Charter becomes law. The new Charter has broad changes for many areas of City government, but it is police discipline that is the concern of this column. What are the changes? What remains the same? Read on, if you plan on being an officer after the millennium.

Pays and Owes

Remember the bad old days when an officer was ordered to a Board of Rights and couldn't get there for many months? That has been partially remedied. Formerly, once an officer was ordered to a Board of Rights, his or her pay would continue for thirty days. After that, no pay. Some officers have been off for many months with no pay while waiting for the completion of their Boards of Rights. Under the new Charter, if the Board is not completed within sixty days, the officer will have another thirty days of pay authorized in which to complete the Board, if the officer or his representative has not caused the delay. The goal, of course, is to complete the Board inside the first thirty days before any hardship occurs.

Even if an officer was found "not guilty" under the present system, the officer could only receive a maximum of six months reimbursement of pay. If he or she had been off without pay for a longer period, it was irrelevant to the Charter that the officer had been deemed to have done nothing wrong. No reimbursement. The new Charter extends the six month rule to one year. In future cases, the officer who is found "not guilty" can recover up to one year salary. In this age of increased Boards of Rights, this provision is welcome.

On the other hand, an officer deemed "guilty" can no longer be given a six months penalty. The maximum penalty this side of termination will be three months under the new Charter. Hopefully, this will not be interpreted by management to mean that if an officer would have received three months and one day under the old system, he or she must now be terminated.

The Challenge to Management's Integrity

The citizens of Los Angeles should be hearing warning bells. This isn't the first Charter reform movement in the history of this City. Consult page 1 of your Management Guide to Discipline issued in May of 1998, which states as follows:

"In 1925, the voters of Los Angeles approved sweeping changes to the City Charter. Most of the changes amounted to an attempt to reduce political patronage and insulate city

workers from corruption. Section 202 dealt specifically with police officers. Section 202 provided for a Board of Inquiry composed of captains to judge an officer. However, the civilian Board of Police Commissioners, appointed by the mayor, could dissolve the decisions of the Board of Inquiry whenever it rendered a verdict the Commission did not like."

"In 1931, Section 202 was again amended to address these shortcomings. Police officers were given a substantial "right" to their positions. The Police Commission could no longer overrule the decision of the Board of Inquiry. However, the Chief of Police had the authority to overrule or ignore a Board's decision, and as the Chief served at the pleasure of the Police Commission and the mayor, little had actually changed." NOTE: We are back to 1931 in terms of the mayor's control of the Chief of Police.

"In 1934, Lieutenant William H. Parker began to rewrite Section 202. Parker was a law school graduate and former assistant to Chief James E. Davis. Parker knew the workings of city government close up. The Shaw brothers presided over a corrupt city, and Chief J. Davis was beholden to the Shaws. Mayor Shaw's brother was controlling the vice squad and selling sergeant's tests for \$500. Working with another lieutenant, Earl Cooke, Parker campaigned for the passage of the Charter amendment in 1935. Within two years, a reform mayor was elected and Chief J. Davis was forced to resign. Mayor Shaw became the first big-city mayor in the nation to be recalled from office, and his brother was prosecuted for corruption." [Management Guide to Discipline, May 1998, Los Angeles Police Department, page 1, emphasis and notes added]

The lesson learned back then, and apparently now forgotten, is that unrestricted power corrupts. Everyone may be honorable today, but there is always tomorrow. Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

The new Charter removes the civil service protection from the rank of deputy chief and above. The chief of police, of course, lost his civil service protection in 1992. That means that in the year 2000 all of the top brass of LAPD will exist at the whim of the current mayor. Lack of civil service protection, in a few words, means an employee can be terminated or reduced in rank "without cause." No trial boards or other hearings for soon to be ex-deputy chiefs in the year 2000.

In 1931, a deputy chief (or an officer) who didn't believe that sergeant's tests should be sold for \$500 would soon be in the unemployment line or walking a morning watch footbeat in whichever division was the farthest from his residence. When Parker got through with his

reforms in 1935, this deputy chief would be entitled to a fair hearing. The powers that he would have to actually prove that he had done something wrong. We seem to have lost some ground here.

The current danger for League members accused of misconduct comes from the direct and inferred power that the political system will have over the Board members who will sit in judgment over them if they are accused of misconduct. The captain of today can be the deputy chief of tomorrow if the chief favors him or her enough. The deputy chief of today can be the captain of tomorrow if the chief loses this favorable opinion.

The Board of Rights system will not work unless management exhibits the same integrity that is demanded from the rank and file. A Board member has to have the intestinal fortitude to call it like he or she sees it regardless of the perceived effect on career considerations and the chief of police has to refrain from interfering, or even appearing to interfere, in the system. The call to the chief's office to "explain" the verdict has to halt.

The new Charter addresses this fear, but gives no remedy for violations.

"Ex Parte communication with members of a Board of Rights regarding the subject matter of the hearing while proceedings are pending is prohibited. No person shall attempt to influence the decision of a Board of Rights except during the hearing and on the record." [Section (k), new City Charter, emphasis added]

"Independence of Board of Rights. Members of a Board of Rights are to make decisions based solely on the evidence before them. No sworn member of a Board of Rights shall be subject to any benefit, retaliation or adverse personnel action based upon their findings or recommendations at a Board of Rights hearing." [Section

(w), new City Charter, emphasis added]

The chief of police has to emphasize his belief that a Board member's primary assignment is to independently view the evidence at a Board and that his evaluation of the evidence will not be second guessed by other members of management. A Board member's belief that he or she is to rubber stamp the chief's previous decision of "guilty" will be the first step in corrupting the entire Department. More importantly, the rank-and-file members have to believe that the chief backs up the independence of the Board of Rights system. This belief, already severely strained, is vital to the officer's perception that the Los Angeles Police Department is an organization that deserves the one hundred and ten percent effort that most officers want to give. Anything less, will convert this organization into a "drive and wave" club instead of the efficient law enforcement team that the citizens of Los Angeles rate.

The Chief "walked point" on the recent controversial shooting in Wilshire. He defended our officer involved shooting investigation process against media and potential political interference admirably. His leadership is desperately needed in balancing the forces arrayed against accused officers in the discipline field. Not to protect the guilty, but to protect the innocent.

The new Charter may light the way into the next century, as the pundits say, but it may also be the first slippery step that will call up the need for another William H. Parker thirty years from now. When the checks and balances are weakened, the integrity of the people in the process must become stronger or the fortunes of justice will degrade. Will management meet the challenge?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters may be limited to 350 words or less. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor:

On Friday, May 21, Ron Phillips and Jim Markloff hosted a notably successful golf tournament at Elkins Ranch Golf Course to honor my precious husband, Andy Voge. The day was complete with lighthearted fun and excellent golf competition. The delicious barbecue and outstanding raffle that followed were the icing on the cake! My compliments to all who prepared and contributed to accomplishing an awesome benefit.

Each of the 138 players and numerous additional guests attended to commemorate Andy with their whole heart and without a second thought. Like Ron and Jim, everyone gave to our family something personal of themselves in memory of our "Gentle Giant."

It would be impossible to name each of you who made that day so exceptional without leaving someone out, therefore, please accept our sincere appreciation for your immeasurable donations, collectively and individually. The everlasting warmth from your kindness deeply touched us.

With gratitude and best wishes,
Lisa, Sam, and Joe Voge

Dear Editor:

I received a telephone call yesterday from John Hanna. He would appreciate it if you would plant something in the next *Blue Line* to the following effect:

Former Los Angeles Police Officer John Hanna, who in *Hanna v. City of Los Angeles* (1989) 212 Cal.App.3D 363,

260 Cal. Rptr. 782, established the availability of *suppression of evidence* at a Board of Rights as a remedy for violations of the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act, would like to hear from you. Hanna retired from the Culver City Police Department at the rank of Sergeant in 1998 and shortly thereafter, on Father's Day, was severely injured when the car in which he was rising was struck by a drunk driver. He

lay in a coma for months but, as recently been released from the hospital. He is paralyzed and is now undergoing physical therapy. He needs to re-establish contact with the real world and would love to hear from you. He receives his mail at 16902 Halsey Street, Granada Hills, California 91344.

Very truly yours,
Diane Marchant

Hunt

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the gem of the Empire. A central member of Parliament at the time was Edmund Burke who said, "The retention of America was worth far more to the mother country economically, politically and even morally than any sum which might be raised by taxation, or even than any principle so called of the [British] Constitution." The treasure that is America, was discarded by the British for some silly, non-sensible, ill-conceived, irrelevant assumption and premise.

Remember, the Americans were English and wanted to remain loyal subjects. But they wanted to be treated with equality — no double standards — with respect and dignity. Whenever there is oppression, even among those who otherwise have little power, the oppressed will find a way to fight back and win the right to human dignity. It doesn't matter if the scenario is Colonial America, the Jews in Egypt, the Civil Rights Movement, Tianamen Square, or in a micro sense,

LAPD. People will fight to rid themselves of the tyrannical policies of injustice.

Arrogance among managers and people in positions of power often leads to their own demise. Pride precedeth the fall, wrote the ancient theologian who demonstrated keen insight into the nature of man, organizations and leadership.

After the Americans won the war, John Adams, who had recognized British arrogance and dual standards, penned these words, "The pride and vanity of [British] is a disease; it is a delirium; it has been flattered and inflamed so long by themselves and others that it perverts everything."

In the late 1990s, Los Angeles Police Officers are loyal to the Department. We work for a great organization but we want to be treated fairly and equally. We resent the arrogance of a management system that is losing the hearts and minds of officers who seek leadership — not dictatorship.

Council members and mayoral candidates need to see the signs. Many command officers see it, but they know the system would destroy the last vestiges of their career if they told the Emperor that he has no clothes.

Muñoz

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"Hanoi Hilton," where he suffered greatly at the hands of abusive guards.

Lt. Alvarez, despite a busy schedule took the time to visit with the Cuesta's at the Concerns for Police Survivors Host Hotel during Police Memorial Week in Washington, D.C.

The man was incredible. He offered great solace and comfort to the Cuesta's during this very emotional, trying time in their lives. Believe it or

not, he actually told some funny stories about his time in captivity. Also some sad stories. He related some interesting tales about his boyhood friend and lifetime best friend, Joe Kapp, the former California Berkeley All-American Quarterback and professional football player in the Canadian League and with the Minnesota Vikings.

Lt. Alvarez is truly inspiring and every American should read his books, which can be found at your local library.

Morgan

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are required, mandatory participation, no excusable absences and you will participate in the divisional luncheon. This situation turned a very positive learning experience into one of resentment and disapproval. I attempted to explain that the Department could not force employees to pay these fees and maybe a softer approach might be more beneficial.

The commanding officer took the position he was not going to "baby" anyone and no modification would be made to the memo. The commanding officer said, "If any employee has a problem, tell them to use the chain of command and come in and talk to me about their concerns." Based on the tone of the memo and the current attitude within the division, I don't think too many employees will be running into his office to discuss the merits of demanding range fees or related expenses.

The commanding officer went on to say if employees don't want to pay, they

will still be required to attend and they can just stand around and watch. I voiced my opinion on this type of approach and the possibility of a successful training day. I haven't found in my 26 years of experience that intimidation is a strong motivator. I further find this logic "mind boggling." One might ask, why would you waste the taxpayers money on an employee's salary or wages for the day, just to prove your point, especially when the law is not on your side on the issue of forced financial payments for the City's benefit? I guess they learn these types of techniques at the command officers academy.

The reality is, and will continue to be, that the involvement of these training days will be at the discretion of the employee, not the Department. The employees of our organization will probably continue to participate, and in almost every situation, agree to do so voluntarily, however, don't confuse participation and a genuine desire to improve one's ability and level of excellence with forced tactics by some commanding officer.

END OF WATCH



NAME: James L. Martin #6457
RANK: Investigator II
ASSIGNED TO: HIG
BORN: April 23, 1927
APPT: March 16, 1949
RETIRED: May 7, 1977
DIED: December 15, 1998

★ ★ ★

NAME: Robert N. Kester #14309
RANK: Detective II
ASSIGNED TO: RHD
BORN: July 22, 1945
APPT: July 14, 1968
RETIRED: July 18, 1998
DIED: April 8, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Allen L. Jacobs #11513
RANK: Lieutenant II
ASSIGNED TO: OCID
BORN: June 5, 1939
APPT: April 29, 1963
RETIRED: July 4, 1987
DIED: April 12, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Ira J. Bankofsky #22022
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: Pacific
BORN: November 24, 1950
APPT: November 21, 1977
RETIRED: November 22, 1983
DIED: April 15, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Donald Van Velzer #12391
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: DARE
BORN: February 26, 1943
APPT: April 16, 1965
RETIRED: December 15, 1990
DIED: April 20, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Robert H. Griffin #7008
RANK: Lieutenant I
ASSIGNED TO: Rampart
BORN: February 19, 1925
APPT: January 16, 1953
RETIRED: June 24, 1978
DIED: April 22, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Millerd G. Gaskell #3435
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: DHD
BORN: January 14, 1921
APPT: December 12, 1945
RETIRED: July 4, 1966
DIED: April 25, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: William L. Nelson #6457
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: West Valley
BORN: January 12, 1924
APPT: September 16, 1949
RETIRED: November 2, 1964
DIED: April 27, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Daniel N. Cooke #6994
RANK: Lieutenant II
ASSIGNED TO: Administrative Group
BORN: November 23, 1926
APPT: January 16, 1953
RETIRED: January 2, 1988
DIED: April 30, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Rex O. Underwood #20817
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: North Hollywood
BORN: January 29, 1945
APPT: May 13, 1974
RETIRED: June 28, 1980
DIED: May 2, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Royden S. Ingham
(No Serial # Found)
RANK: Investigator
ASSIGNED TO: Valley Detectives
BORN: April 29, 1911
APPT: May, 1937
RETIRED: August 31, 1957
DIED: May 7, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Fred C. Nelson #11775
RANK: Detective II
ASSIGNED TO: DHD
BORN: June 2, 1941
APPT: October 28, 1963
RETIRED: January 3, 1984
DIED: May 13, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: William J. La Master #4839
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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



Meet the Newest League-Endorsed Council Members

by Ted Hunt and Dennis P. Zine

Alex Padilla (CD-7)

Alex Padilla was just elected to the 7th City Council District with 67 percent of the vote. He replaces Richard Alarcon who is now in the California Senate. The 7th District serves the com-

high school, Alex earned a degree from the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he majored in engineering. He was also a Coro Fellow.

Alex worked briefly for Hughes Aircraft and then as a counselor at the University of the Pacific in Stockton. To fulfill his desire to serve his commu-

Building and Safety Commission. Alex also serves on the Board of Directors of the East Valley YMCA and the Valley Leadership Institute.

Alex, who is a strong supporter of the League, explained why he ran for Council: "When I graduated from MIT I could have lived anywhere and pursued a big money-making career, but I felt compelled to go back where I grew up and try to make a better life for my neighbors. I have dedicated myself to helping others and as a Los Angeles City Councilman, I will make sure the people of this district receive the city services they need and deserve."

Nick Pacheco (CD-14)

Nick Pacheco was just elected to the 14th City Council District with 51 percent of the vote. He replaces long-time friend of the League Richard Alatorre who has recently retired. The 14th District represents the communities of Eagle Rock, El Sereno and Boyle Heights.

The 35-year-old City Council member was born and raised in Boyle Heights. He graduated from Loyola High School in Rampart Division and continued on to earn a bachelor's degree at the University of California Berkeley. Nick earned his law degree from Loyola Law School in L.A. and

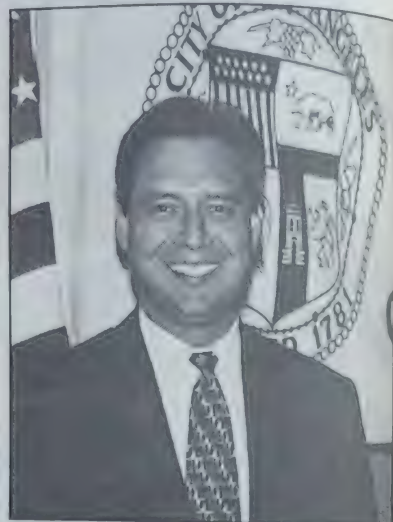


Photo by Dennis P. Zine

Newly elected City Councilman Nick Pacheco.

immediately became a Deputy District Attorney where he earned the reputation as being a strong advocate for law and order.

In 1997 Nick was elected to the Charter Reform Commission where he fought for the rights of rank-and-file officers by helping to improve the Charter for League members. While serving on the Charter Reform Commission, Nick continued to serve as a Deputy D.A.

Congratulations to our newest City Council members.



League Directors Cliff Ruff, Dennis P. Zine and Gary Fullerton congratulating Councilman Elect Alex Padilla on his victory.

munities of Arleta, Mission Hills, North Hollywood, Pacoima, Panorama City, Sun Valley, Sylmar, and Van Nuys.

The 26-year-old City Council member was born and raised in the area that he was elected to represent and where he attended L.A. city schools. After

nity, Alex became a political strategist where he used his analytical thinking and engineering skills to map out huge political victories such as the "surprise" victory of Assembly Member Tony Cardenas (D-Mission Hills). In 1997, Mayor Riordan appointed Alex to the

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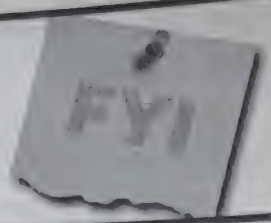
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LAPD's First Female Hispanic Officer: Policewoman Josephine Serrano Collier #3265 (10/1/46 to 10/24/60)

By Gail Ryan

It was 1946, World War II was over, and the world was trying to return to some normalcy. Los Angeles, once a dry, desert town, was on the verge of a growth boom. Returning servicemen, not wanting to go back to the farms and cold climates, saw California and Los Angeles as a land of opportunity.

And, for a few women who dared, that door of opportunity was opening up for them also. Having been used to working in airplane factories or serving in the military as pilots or nurses, they weren't ready to return to their old jobs of homemaker or dutiful daughters after the war was over. One of these women was Josephine Serrano of Lincoln Heights.

Born to Francisco and Ynez (Gonzalez) Serrano on March 14, 1922, in Jerome, Arizona, she was one of seven surviving siblings out of twelve born to her parents. To support her family, her father and older brother worked in the copper mines of the mountain town till a mining accident cost her brother his leg. Eventually the mines in Jerome would play out and the town would become a "ghost town." Featured in *Ghost Towns of the Old West*, today it's on the National Parks Registry. However, long before this, in 1925, the Serrano family moved

back to Mexico with the insurance settlement they had received after the brother's accident.

Life in Mexico for the Serrano family would be short lived though. With the revolution in full swing, an older brother about to be executed by government forces for being "Cristero" (Catholic), the family moved again in 1927. Fleeing in the middle of the night, with only what they could carry, the Serrano father and brother fled back to the United States. Josephine's mother and five remaining siblings were left behind. Eventually they were able to follow. Once reunited, they settled in Los Angeles in the Lincoln Heights area around General Hospital.

It was here in Lincoln Heights that Josephine would grow up and attend school. Growing up in Los Angeles during the '30s life was hard. The glitz and glamour of the roaring '20s was over. The Depression era was in full swing and World War II was around the corner. Josephine's family was deeply religious. Her parents taught their children to respect others and the law. They also learned to share their food with homeless men who rode on the nearby trains. And then, when Josephine was fourteen years old, her father died, leaving her mother and brothers with the responsibility to care for the family. Even though she was raised in a typical Mexican family cul-

ture, she was aware from childhood that she wanted more. From the day she was made a safety officer at school, Josephine knew she wanted to be a liaison between the Mexican community and the police. In the late '30s the Zoot Suiters emerged on the scene. Her quiet little self-contained community with neighborhood stores would change forever. You didn't dare venture across the tracks to the Hazard Park area or vice versa. One night one boy did, to see his girlfriend, and he was severely beaten up. And, then there was the LAPD of the '30s. The police were respected then, and tough. More than once Josephine saw lumps and bumps on kids who had a run-in with the local beat officer. This made Josephine all the more intent on being a liaison between her community and the police.

Prior to World War II, Josephine had volunteered for the Home Guard but was turned down. However, during World War II, Josephine was recruited to work for Lockheed on the "Ventura" bomber, the "P-38" fighter, and the "Constellation." She was "Josie the Riverter" till the war ended. When the war ended, women who had held down the homefront had to give up their jobs to returning servicemen. "Josie the Riverter" was one of



them. In 1946 Josephine was working for Thrifty Drugs and engaged to be married. A fellow employee told her he had heard the City of Los Angeles was going to hire a few women to be policewomen on a trial basis to replace the matrons in the City Jail at Lincoln Heights.

Meeting the requirements of being over 5'4" and 23 years old, knowing it was now or never, breaking strong cul-

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Arkansas*	Permit	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
California	Yes	Yes	If to be concealed	Unloaded	Permit	Unloaded	Unloaded	No
Colorado*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Permit	Yes	Yes	Yes
Connecticut*	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Delaware	Yes	Yes	No	Unloaded	No	No	Yes	No
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Florida	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Yes	No	No	In veh.	No	No	Unloaded	Yes
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Idaho*	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Unloaded	No
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Indiana	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iowa	Permit	Unloaded	No	No	No	No	Unloaded	Unloaded
Kansas*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kentucky	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Locked
Louisiana	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maine	Yes	Yes	No	Unloaded	No	No	Unloaded	Unloaded
Maryland	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Massachusetts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unloaded	No	No	Yes	No
Michigan*	Home state requirements are followed.							
Minnesota*	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Mississippi*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Missouri*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Montana*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Nebraska*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Locked
Nevada*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Unloaded	Unloaded
New Hampshire*	Contact	Unloaded	No	Yes	Unloaded	Unloaded	Unloaded	Unloaded
New Jersey*	Prior permit required	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
New Mexico*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
New York*	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Unloaded	No
North Carolina*	Visible	Visible	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Locked
North Dakota*	Yes	Visible	If	Yes	No	No	Yes	Locked
Ohio*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Oklahoma*	Yes	No	No	No	No	Unloaded	Unloaded	Unloaded
Oregon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Permit	No	Yes	No
Pennsylvania	Yes	Contact	No	No	No	No	No	No
Rhode Island*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
South Carolina	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
South Dakota*	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Unloaded	No
Tennessee*	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Texas	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Utah	Yes	Unloaded	No	Yes	No	No	Unloaded	No
Vermont*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Contact	Yes	Yes	Yes
Washington*	Permit	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
West Virginia*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Wisconsin*	No	Encased & unloaded	No	Yes	No	No	Encased & unloaded	No
Wyoming	Permit	Visible	Yes	Not in	Permit	No	Yes	No

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LAPD's First Female Hispanic Officer

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tural traditions and against her family's wishes, Josephine paid her \$1 and applied for the position of Policewoman. This application would also cost Josephine her engagement. Josephine was one of the two hundred women breaking traditions when she took the entrance exam. Twenty-one women were hired. And, on a Monday morning in early October, 1946, they received their Policewoman badge (#63 for Josephine) when they were sworn in at City Hall. A month later eleven finished the academy. Six months later only nine were left. The women had no graduation ceremony, nor did they receive a diploma or a gun. It wouldn't be until October, 1996, that their class would be honored in a special ceremony at the Police Academy on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the First Policewoman Class to graduate from the Academy. They were also honored at a special "Legendary Ladies" Luncheon (Retired Policewomen). Josephine's career would be spent mostly under Chief William Parker's reign. She would retire with Policewoman Badge #21.

Once the new policewomen left the academy, half were assigned to the old Lincoln Heights jail. Those that went to the jail wore white nurse's uniforms, since there wasn't a uniform for policewomen at that time. All were given \$200 a month salary and four days off and a six-month probation period. (Prior to this time only a handful of women had been invited to join the LAPD, as needed, with no formal training.) A few of them, along with matrons, were assigned to the City Jail in the '30s and '40s. Those women assigned to the jail had their white nurse's uniform kept clean by the female jail trustees. Two years after the Class of '46 joined the Department, they were sent back to the academy for an in-service training session. It was at this training that they were finally given guns and taught to shoot. Josephine was shot "Marksman." The women were also issued the first Policewoman uniform. It was designed after the Navy's Wave uniform.

Josephine was assigned to Lincoln Heights Jail. Not knowing how to drive, she took the streetcar to work. She didn't get her driver's license until 1949, after a sergeant requested she take a prisoner to the hospital and found out Josephine couldn't drive. Josephine finally honed her driving skills on detective vehicles while assigned to Hollenbeck Juvenile. She and her partners were involved in three different pursuits, one of which she had to take over driving since her two male partners were busy restraining an uncooperative juvenile.

Some of Josephine's fondest memories of the job were: The second week on the job a trustee at the jail told her that a woman was having a baby and trying to flush it down the toilet in one of the cells. Josephine entered the cell, saved the newborn, and had the mother and child transported to the receiving hospital. She can still recall the fights with drunks and prostitutes arrested on Friday and Saturday nights, along with the camaraderie with the other female officers. In the late '40s, Josephine walked a PM footbeat in Pershing Square with another policewoman. Both were in plain clothes that included hats, gloves, and high heels. One night they met a man who thought they were hookers. He solicited them and then began telling how he liked children and what he liked to do with them. They walked all the way to the bus depot at 6th and Main Streets with the man before they could flag down a unit to transport their arrest to Central Station at First and Hill Streets. Their footbeat also included Main Street and eventually to the train

depot. On another night, they were patrolling near a hotel at 6th and Main Streets when they heard a woman yelling for help. Thinking they might have a rape in progress, they entered the hotel, located the room, and entered. It turned out to be a drunken male circus performer. He had been trying to practice his act with his helper. She had on an old corset and somehow the two had gotten stuck together. She had been yelling for someone to get them unstuck. Policewomen out on



patrol eventually came to an end when two partners (male and female) were caught in a compromising position in a police vehicle. The Chief decided women could only work Jail or Juvenile from then on. Eventually, Josephine was loaned to the vice and bunco squads to work the gypsies, fortune tellers, and abortionists. She was also called upon to translate for arraignment court and on one occasion for a group who had accused the police of shaking them down.

On June 26, 1948, Josephine married fellow officer Darwin "Jack" Collier, later known as Sgt. Jack Collier. They had three children, Suzanne, Johnny, and David.

On October 24, 1960, Josephine was forced to retire on a back disability after 14 years of service. She would remain the only Hispanic Policewoman hired by the LAPD until Stella Weeks was hired in 1963. For a time Josephine worked for the L.A. Job Corps as a counselor. When her husband retired, they moved to Idaho. In Idaho, she worked in a hardware store, and also helped her husband drive their cattle along the Snake River. Then, in 1987, Josephine's husband, Jack, died. Today, Josephine is totally retired and still living in Idaho. During the winters, she travels to Arizona and California to visit family and friends.

She still has fond memories of her life with LAPD and hopes in some small way she made a difference in the way of life in the Hispanic community of Los Angeles with her public service. She was once asked why Hispanic women did not apply to the Police Department prior to 1947. Her reply was, "In 1947, the culture lines were stringent; the patriarchal family dictated that women were homemakers only. And add to the fact that at that time the height requirements started at 5'4" and a good portion of Hispanic women could not meet the requirement. But then, the "woman experiment" was not expected to succeed, least of all for a Hispanic woman."

In 1947 there were less than 30 Policewomen on LAPD, with only 1 being Hispanic. Today there are 1,743 female officers on LAPD, of which 547 are Hispanic.

Our Blue Angel

By Semour Rosen

The Salesian Boys and Girls Club and Salesians Family Youth Center of East

For the past six years, Officer Rosen has obtained clothing, athletic equipment, etc. for the youth centers. Rosen grew up in East Los Angeles not far from the center.



From left: Brother Phil Mandile of the Salesian Boys & Girls Club, Reserve Officer Seymour M. Rosen, and Father Bill Schaefer of the Salesian Boys & Girls Club.

Los Angeles, on May 6, at the Los Angeles Marriott Hotel, held their Annual Awards of Excellence Benefit dinner.

This year, the recipient of the Angel Award was Reserve Officer Seymour M. Rosen, vice-president of the LAPD Reserve Foundation.

In the past, Rosen has also helped the Salvation Army Bell Shelter for the Homeless, the Navajo Nation and other organizations.

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Mystery Cop Photo



Clue:

The uniformed officer worked Wilshire Division. His son followed in his footsteps with LAPD and is now retired. First caller correctly identifying both officers wins a League logo package.

Answer to June's Mystery Cop Photo: Joe D'Amore, Mike Murphy and Jerry Thomas (all of Narcotics Division).

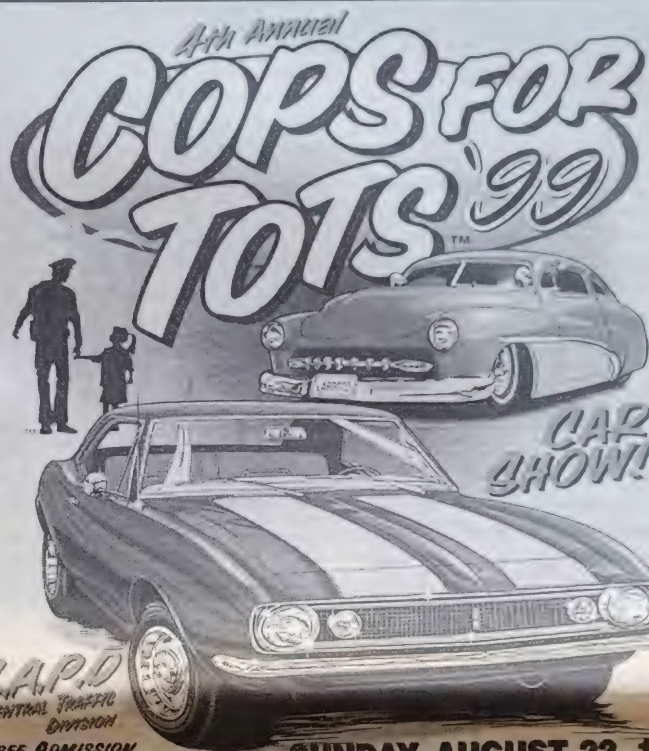
Winners were: Jerry Brooks, Chuck Agrusa and Phil Flanders (retired).

Career Development News

Candidates for the Captain examination may obtain information about study materials from the Career Development Centers. Updated items from the last bibliography are available. The Centers also have extensive materials regarding supervision as it relates to affirmative action, discipline, and sexual harassment. General information regarding FASTRAC and SARA is also available.

Seminars to prepare candidates for the oral portion of the Sergeant examination will be announced. Please check the *Weekly Consolidated Notice* or the career hotline at (213) 207-3000.

Career development information is available to all LAPD employees through several resources. You may call or stop by the Career Development Centers at Lake Street (downtown) or Westchester (near the airport). You will also find updated information listed in the *Weekly Consolidated Notice* and on the 24-hour Career hotline. Career development information may be obtained by calling the following numbers: Lake Street at (213) 207-3000 (also the hotline), 3001, or Westchester at (310) 342-3172, 3118. The Career Development Centers are located at 227 N. Lake Street, Los Angeles or 5651 W. Manchester, Westchester.



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Behind the Scenes

by Lisa Burrola, Office Manager

Some time ago, League Director and Thin Blue Line Editor Lenny Muñoz approached me with the idea of having me submit an article for the paper. Lenny felt that the membership might be interested in knowing what goes on "behind the scenes" of the League's operations. I was up for the challenge and agreed, hoping that somehow I could pull this "Blue Line writer" thing off and maybe even entertain and inform our readers.

And so, to that end, here is a peek into what goes on at League headquarters....

A Little Background

Challenges. In a word, this pretty much sums up what League office operations are all about. But with challenges, come accomplishments, and our League staff has had many! Just a few years ago, our membership was at 6,000. Today, with about the same number of staff, we serve over 9,000 members! It's been difficult at times, but we have set goals to provide a sense of direction and organization and, as a result, we (Board of Directors, staff, and members) have reaped the rewards of our successes.

The introduction of staff goal-planning sessions, computer training sessions, the establishment of staff safety and recognition committees, the implementation of bar-coded elections and bar-coded inventory of office equipment, the automation of bookkeeping and timekeeping, acquisition of state-of-the-art office equipment (both hardware and software), and the expansion of League hours of operation, are just a few of the numerous accomplishments achieved just within the past year!

League Launches First-Ever R.O.S.E. Award Program

So much has been said, and so much has been written, about the power of recognizing and acknowledging an individual's good performance. In the short time that I have been Office Manager, I have found that the power of recognition is the driving force behind great achievements. Whether a few spoken words of thanks or a formal written commendation, the simple act of acknowledgment goes such a long way and makes a difference in an employee's performance and morale.

Because of this, the League's first-ever employee recognition program was established. A Committee was formed, meetings were held, and a comprehensive rating system devised. Out of this, the R.O.S.E. (Recognition of Staff Excellence) Award Program was born. It was a year in the making, but well worth the effort!

In a nutshell, the program works like this: At the end of each quarter, surveys are sent out to all staff members to narrow the field down to the top three. Those top three are then rated by the Board of Directors. The staff member with the highest possible points, is then awarded the R.O.S.E. Award for the Quarter. This process will be repeated each quarter and, at the end of the year, surveys will be done on the four quarterly winners. Then we will be proud to announce our winner of the very special 1999 R.O.S.E. Award Winner (Staff Member of the Year). (Please see photos.)

This year's first quarter (and first ever!) R.O.S.E. Award was presented at our Secretaries Day celebration. The field had been narrowed to three members of staff: Adrienne McCowan, Life Insurance Administrator; Helen Robles McVay, Research Analyst/Blue Line Associate Editor; and Camille Nelson,



Photo by Dennis P. Zine
The top three contenders for the League's first-ever R.O.S.E. Award were: (left to right) Camille Nelson, Helen McVay and Adrienne McCowan.

Dental Insurance Administrator. It was a close, close race, with only a .25% point between the top two! But in the end, it was Helen McVay who was presented the award.

A Little About the Winner...

Helen McVay began her career at the League 19 years ago. Having come to us from the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension System, she is a wealth of history and factual information in this area, but her expertise is much more widespread. Helen is the one staff and Directors turn to for assistance and guidance on everything from finding that file from 1984 to advice on coordinating special events, to writing *Blue Line* articles and resolutions, to assisting the Office Manager with personnel policies and procedures. She has received countless commendations for her work on the numerous committees she has served including Delegates Conference, Scholarship, Golf Tournament, Negotiating Team, Blue Line, and Political Action, as well as for her work on special assignments including, most recently, the League's Second Annual College Day.



Photo by Dennis P. Zine
Helen Robles McVay (center) is congratulated by League President Dave Hepburn and Office Manager Lisa Burrola on being selected 1st Quarter R.O.S.E. Award winner.

While writing this column, I found myself at a loss for words of praise that have not already been said about Helen. "Helen regularly performs her duties in an efficient and professional manner." "Helen's display of professionalism and sincere concern is what we have become accustomed to..." "I had the privilege of working closely with Helen McVay who is a most energetic and well-organized lady." "I want to specially thank Helen, a member of your staff, who was so kind, helpful, and genuinely concerned and interested..." These quotes are but a small sample of what people say about your League Research Analyst. I would, however, be greatly amiss if I didn't personally mention my own appreciation for all she has done for me. Helen has been a mentor, a confidant, an advisor, and a friend. Thanks, Helen, and congratulations!

Helen, in her spare time, enjoys gardening in her new home she shares with retired LAPD Officer Dan McVay. Having received certifications in Antique Appraisal and Gemology, she and Dan collect, appraise and sell antiques, and have a space in the King Richard's Antique Mall in Whittier. She is an avid U.S.C. football fan, a golfer, classical music lover and an accomplished violinist.

A special thanks also goes to our R.O.S.E. Committee: Yolanda Rivera,

Lorri Watson, Isadora Deese (the brains behind our Recognition Committee name and logo), Helen McVay and Adrienne McCowan who worked so hard to see this vision become a reality.

Congratulations on a job well done are also in order for the entire League staff. They have had to endure quite a bit this past year or so, contending with a broken air conditioner in record-breaking heat, projects coming at them not only one after another, but several at a time, and experiencing a difficult transition period after having had long-time League Office Manager, Elayne Yochem, retire. Elayne was the greatest and was the glue that kept this place together. I had the fortunate opportunity to work under this League legend for 13 years, and believe I have learned from the best. I dare not say I have stepped into her shoes as they will never be filled, but I have pledged to our staff to do my best to keep our operations afloat with hopes for smooth sailing along the way.

This is an exciting and challenging time for League staff. But we're up for the challenges that are brought our way today and those waiting for us in the next millennium. Watch for future columns informing you of what's going on at the Office on 8th and Witmer Streets or, better yet, come by and take a look for



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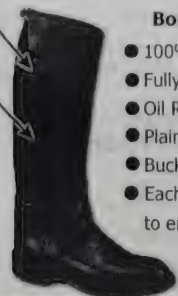
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The LAPD Dive Unit - 42 Years Down Under

by Rob Nobile

It was a cold, early Thursday morning. The black cloud overhead opened up, pouring frigid raindrops upon us. There was no place to take cover and the chance of getting wet was no longer a possibility, it was inevitable.

The Officer-in-Charge, Lt. Keith Johnson, and Sgt. Bob Green mustered together the 27 members of the Depart-

ing methodical precision, the divers donned their gear as they checked and double-checked their equipment. It is one thing to wear a cumbersome wetsuit and 75 LPS of air tank on your back, accompanied by 25-35 LPS of weight around your waist, but the added weight and conglomeration of hoses and wires from communication systems and metal detectors makes it quite difficult to walk or perform a basic maneuver.

The divers collected their remaining

cameras and underwater video equipment was lowered from the boat to the divers below. The body was photographed and a diagram was made of the position of the body and the surrounding area. Once all of the documentation is completed, the body was placed into a large bag in order to preserve any evidence, which may have been on the victim. Airlift bags were used to raise the body to the surface and to lift the body onto the boat.

This is not an actual homicide scene; the victim was a mannequin placed at the location for training purposes by the dive team.

The department's dive unit has come a long way since November, 1957. That is when Sgt. Harry Keener, Jim Leachman, and Gil Booth entered the water wearing full scuba gear off of the Santa Monica pier, in order to recover a handgun that was used in a murder.

The City of Los Angeles has over 500 miles of shoreline, which includes lakes, reservoirs, and the Pacific Ocean; not to mention swimming pools, sewage treatment plants, and the L.A. River. The department quickly realized that large amounts of evidence were being lost below the surface of these various bodies of water, with no means of recovery. Therefore, the LAPD Underwater Dive Unit was conceived.

Forty-two years ago dive unit members used simple and crude equipment looking like something from the early days of Sea Hunt and Jacques Cousteau, double-hose regulators, shiny, black rubber suits, and a huge depth gauge which divers wore strapped to their wrist. At that time, these were the most technologically advanced pieces of equipment on the market.

Today the UDU is armed with the latest high-tech equipment available such as underwater communication systems allowing divers to talk to each other, or to a person on the surface; underwater video sleds that can be towed behind a boat and monitored from top-side, that allows UDU members to visually observe the ocean's bottom without putting a diver in the water; dry suits which in cold, contaminated water protect divers from extreme elements; metal detectors to assist divers in locating

metal objects buried beneath the bottom of the ocean, underwater video and still cameras used to photograph crime scenes or the remains of evidence.

Divers are deployed in several different ways, by one of several boats that the UDU implements on every dive, rope repelling from cliffs or structures towering over a body of water, or by jumping from the outer skirts of a helicopter. For several years, the dive unit has been successful in the recovery of a variety of items of evidence used in different types of crimes. Those items include jewelry, several different types of weapons and guns, and cash. The dive team has also been responsible for the recovery of bodies, victims of accidents, car crashes and homicides.

The 27-member dive unit is made up of officers from various divisions whose primary duty assignment range from patrol officers, K-9 officers, metro officers, training instructors and detectives.

If you have a need for the dive unit, they can be reached at Air Support Division and are on-call 24 hours a day.

With continued training with the Navy Seal Teams, DEA, U.S. Coast Guard and many other outside agencies, LAPD's dive unit has escalated to one of the best in the business. That is why police departments throughout the nation look to LAPD for answers.

A special thanks goes out to retired Sgt. Rich Beardslee for his many years of service and dedication to the LAPD's Dive Unit.



ment's Underwater (Scuba) Dive Unit for their dive briefing: Team 1 - Richards, Morgan, Nobile, Ospin, Greenberg and Mascarenas; Team 2 - Fesperman, Curti, Hill, McCarthy, Tom, and Ugarte; Team 3 - Adkins, Budai, Cooper, Hall, Natow and Winter; Team 4 - Bunch, Datria, Hartter, Meares, McMillion and Suzuki.

Sgt. Green informed the Underwater Dive Unit (UDU) that witnesses observed an argument the night prior between two men, aboard a small boat in the harbor. The witnesses believed they heard what sounded like a gunshot and observed one of the men fall overboard. The boat sped off and the man was not seen again by the witnesses. Harbor Patrol searched the area for a possible victim of a shooting with negative results. The UDU was dispatched and immediately responded to search the bottom of the harbor for the victim.

The dive unit's two-ton utility truck containing specialized equipment was opened and divers removed the appropriate equipment for the dive. Demonstrat-

pieces of gear and entered the frigid ocean, plummeting into the coastal waters off Redondo Beach. The water was piercing cold and the visibility was limited to only three feet. A precise search pattern was laid out with the navigational diver taking the lead as the team submerged below the ocean surface to a deeper depth. Due to the lack of visibility, each team member fanned out to form an inverted "V," each diver slightly touching the diver in front of him. The navigational diver in the lead has total control of the dive, depth, speed and course of travel. After about 45 minutes of searching, the team found what they had been looking for. A 35-year-old male victim lying face down in the sand at a depth of approximately 40 feet. A diver deployed a marker buoy, which broke the surface of the water identifying the exact location of the body. The dive unit's 25-foot boat responded to the location at a high rate of speed. The divers requested specific equipment from the boat operator via the underwater communication system. Still

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by Kellie Castillo

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Poet's Corner

Dear Editor:

It seems that working or fighting songs always lift morale. It has been that way since people worked together. We in the LAPD can always use a new shot of morale, an adrenaline jolt to remind us of why we became cops in the first place.

So I scribbled this song while suffering through the Academy runs, trying

to keep up with recruits 23 years younger than I was. It is lifted from the U.S. Army song "Old Soldier."

You might be able to find room for it in our newspaper.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lawrence "Frank" Hickey
Southwest Division, LAPD

RUNNING SONG

by Frank Hickey

Yo, Police dog!
Where have you been?
We've been to Baxter Hill,
We have run up Cardiac,
We've done push-ups til
we dropped,
Working for you and me,
Fighting for Los Angeles.

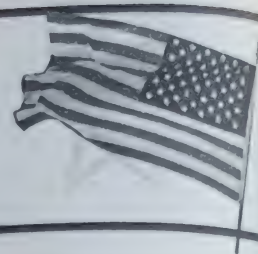
Yo, Police dog!
Where have you been?
We've been to family fights,
We've been to Family Court,
We've seen justice win a few,

Working for me and you,
Fighting for Los Angeles.

Yo, Police dog!
Where have you been?
We've been to funerals,
We have felt the bullets fly,
We have seen our partners cry,
Working for you and me,
Fighting for Los Angeles.

Yo, Police dog!
Where have you been?
We've been to morning watch,
We stay out of donut shops,
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Working for you and me,
Fighting for Los Angeles.

VETERAN'S CORNER



Veteran's Corner is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

American Legion News

Commander Martin Chalupa, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,
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Panorama City, CA 91402
(818) 781-2261

Adjutant Frank Ortiz
160 N. Glendora Avenue
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Legion Calendar, Upcoming Events

Our next Post meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20th. For information on the location and time, see above. We hope to see you there.

July 4th is Independence Day. July 17th is the National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

New Post Officers

On May 18, our Post held our annual election of officers for 1999/2000. Los Angeles Police Post would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all of our outgoing post officers and to welcome in our new officers. Our outgoing 70th Post Commander **Gail Tam** is turning over the gavel to our new 71st Post Commander **Martin Chalupa**. Our new Post Officers are: 1st Vice Commander **George Aguilar**, 2nd Vice Commander **William Zimmerman**, 3rd Vice Commander **Mark Gerin**, Sergeant at Arms and Service Officer **Robert Reeves**, Adjutant and Historian **Frank Ortiz**, Finance Officer and Judge Advocate **Harold Yarnell**, Chaplain **J. J. Leonard** and Quarter Master **Edgar Bressell**. Our executive committee will consist of **Woodrow Baca**, **Emmett Drennan**, **Michael Regan**, **Charles Menter**, **J. J. Leonard** and **James**

Leiphardt. Gail Tam will now assume the position of Junior Past Commander.

Gail was faced with many challenges during his year as Post Commander. He met them head on, steered a straight course and did as good a job of leadership as he did as a Sergeant II in Van Nuys. Our new Post Commander for 1999/2000, **Marty Chalupa**, takes the helm with enthusiasm and looks forward to his year leading our Police Post. He has gone through the various post offices in order to gain the knowledge he will need to lead our post. He is also lucky to be a part of the Police Post because we have people in our post who are experienced, loyal and dedicated. They will provide advice and guidance when needed. Thanks to **Gail Tam** and last year's Post Officers for a job well done. Good luck to our new Commander, **Martin Chalupa**, and our new Post Officers.

Veterans Membership

Each year in June we again think about all of our Department family members who are not yet members of our American Legion family. To be a member of the Los Angeles Police Department's American Legion Specialty Post the following is required: 1) you have to be on active duty, a reservist or a veteran; 2) you have to be an active or retired Los Angeles Police Officer or work for the Los Angeles Police Department in another capacity; or 3) you have met the requirements of #1 and be related to a member of our Specialty Post (e.g. brother, sister, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, father, mother, etc.).

Veterans are an elite few in America. Less than 10% of our population are veterans. If veterans do not take the lead and work for veterans and active duty service personnel, then who will? Remember, the American Legion exists to help veterans, past, present and future, our police department, and our community.

Most veterans were lucky and came back in one piece, got to use their G.I. benefits and do not need veteran's medical benefits. However, many were not as lucky. It was veterans groups that spon-

sored the G.I. Bill and other veterans benefits on the federal, state and local level.

It was veterans groups that exposed the Agent Orange and Gulf War Syndrome and then worked to get recognition, medical benefits and treatment for our deserving veterans and their families. These were medical problems that our government tried to dismiss and medical benefits that our government was refusing to provide.

Join us. HELP us HELP veterans. This Independence Day, please join your Los Angeles Police, American Legion Post. The cost is \$30 per year and if you are a full time or retired employee of the City of Los Angeles it will be deducted from your free paycheck in June. If not, you will have to pay by check each June. Join us and make a difference. If you need information, want to join, pay your dues, past or present, or obtain a department deduct card, then please contact our Adjutant **Frank Ortiz** who is listed above.

NOTE: When you retire, the department will not carry over your designated deductions. You will have to fill out a new deduct card for any deductions that you wish to have continued.

Welcome Recruit Class #5-99

We now have 2,154 people in our Police Post and exceeded our membership goal for this year. We led the state last year in recruitment and it appears that we are close to doing it again. Police Post is still the largest Specialty Post west of

the Mississippi River. This was no small achievement and was due to the efforts of a large group of volunteers who are responsible for our success. Thanks for all the hard work, **Marty Chalupa**, **George Aguilar**, **Frank Flores**, **J. J. Leonard**, and **Mark Gerin**.

On May 10, 1999, **Marty Chalupa** and **J. J. Leonard** went to the police academy and recruited five out of five new cadets. They served as follows: 1 (USA), 2 (USMC), and 2 (USAF). We welcome you all. When you get the opportunity, come to our monthly meeting. We look forward to greeting each of you in person.

Our new members are **Mell Hogg** (USMC), **Juan Silva** (USMC), **Timothy Kohl** (USA), **Louis Lozano** (USAF), and **Hernando Arboleda** (USAF).

Inter-Post Relations

On Wednesday, May 18, the Sheriff's Star Post #309 held their annual tree planting ceremony at Wayside in Saugus. Each year the Sheriff's Star Post has a ceremony and plants a tree to honor their members who have passed on to "Post Everlasting." This year **Frank Flores** and **Robert Reeves** attended for Police Post. Star Post Commander **Arthur Zuhlke** and the new Sheriff **Lee Baca** were the primary speakers. It is nice to see Sheriff **Baca** continuing to support his officers.

REMEMBER show your colors! Ask one and all to support the Flag Protection Initiative. It is time to protect the American Flag from desecration. Be proud and fly your American Flag on July 4th. Independence Day.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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18 SOUTHEAST

by Al Labrada
Southeast Division

I would like to start out by wishing everyone a good 4th of July. It seems that the weather was in May then June. Southeast Area officers participated in two different fund-raiser runs in the month of May.

The first was the Revlon 5K run/walk in Southwest; the Southeast participants were Sgt. Arocho, Officers Matthews, Ono, and Sobieski. The run took place

Prior to this taking place I had been waiting for my partner Officer Matthews who had just completed the Revlon run. Being the nice guy I am I had volunteered to take Officer Shelly Gallegos to McDonalds to feed the desk officers and WC. We were patiently waiting in line

two for robbery, 1 for ex-con with a gun, and the pedestrian for receiving stolen property. Good caper especially for Officer Gallegos, who had planned on a nice, quiet day working the desk eating her McDonalds, which she never got.



This is what a training day is about in Southeast. (Left to right): SLO Labrada, Officer Owens, SLO Pinzon, Sgt. Smith and Officer Larsen.



The Revlon 5K Run/Walk cover girls: Officer Ono, Officer Matthews, Sgt. Arocho and Officer Sobieski.

on May 8th under somewhat cloudy conditions. These officers who are assigned to the bike unit completed the run on their own time and still made it in for mid-day watch. This run is an annual event to raise money for breast cancer research. Southeast officers raised \$241 and overall LAPD officers raised \$3,994 for the cause. The other group of officers were running the Police Memorial run at Dockweiler beach. My running reporter, Officer Becky Zufal left on vacation after the race and was unable to give me the scoop in time for the July issue. However, I will have the story and photos for the August 1st issue. Thanks for their participation in this annual and worthwhile event.

A Mother's Day Treat

The same day this running was going on Officer Wells and Officer Juarez were out looking for Mother's Day weekend criminals. It turns out that they were in the area of Manchester and Broadway minding their own business. They were southbound when they observed a brown station wagon and gray Toyota blocking traffic. Almost simultaneously the officers observed four males run out of the location holding Mother's Day baskets with several victims running after them yelling out that they had just been robbed. Two suspects jumped into the gray Toyota and the other two in the brown station wagon. The officers initiated a following at which time the brilliant robber (passenger) exited the vehicle, while still in motion. The intelligent driver not wanting to slow down took out his partner (now known as stubby) by running over his leg, he still managed to hobble away as he tried to take the Mother's Day basket he had just taken.

when the Mother's Day dash free for all gift run began. Realizing we were only down the street from the event, we responded (without any food) and found ourselves secondary unit in what turned out to be an hour and a half pursuit. The suspect knowing he was going down for his Mother's Day caper was screaming, crying and even drinking/eating what he had taken. When he found nothing in the baskets he wanted he began tossing what was left out the window. Several pedestrians in the area tried to salvage what was tossed and were arrested for their ignorance.

The pursuit went well and no one got hurt. The other officers involved in the pursuit were Adams, Brock, Croslan, and Cortez. A special thanks to the air unit PII+6 Rob Bean and Lt.+2 D. Crosley who monitored and coordinated the operation from the air. Keeping their cool on the air were PSRs J. Jackson and M. LaCour. When the suspect was interrogated he rolled over like he had no choice. The officers obtained an address of stubby who was the runner from the moving vehicle. Southeast CRASH Officers Wu, Maxon, Gonzales (Camouflaged), Pantoja (Chueco), Lewis, Mrakich, Jordan and Iasparro formulated a plan and responded to the address. Sgt. D. Belthius who did a great job in the post pursuit operations monitored the entire caper. Officers arrived and immediately observed the suspect attempting to leave, since he was in no condition to keep running he gave up without a fight. In the suspect's company was another rocket scientist who in addition to being an ex-con was found to have a gun (bad combination). The officers, after sifting through the mangled baskets, booked

Recent Additions

Recent additions to Southeast family are Caleb Geunwoo Chong, born May 17, 1999, to proud parents Joshua and Esther Chong. Caleb weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces, which is a few pounds short of what his dad, SLO Chong, weighs. Another addition is that of Daniel Nicole Aspaugh, who was born to John and Debora Aspaugh. Daniel weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Dad should feel proud and should not feel guilty about his involvement in the decline of the Dalmatian population. Southeast used to have 101 Dalmatians, but with Officer Aspaugh's help we now have 100.

I would like to congratulate a great friend and partner, Officer Melissa Quintana, who was married to Sgt.-II Ken Santolla of South Bureau on April 18, 1999. They honeymooned in Cancun, where apparently Ken I hear almost became a permanent resident. It turns out that Ken forgot his passport and had to make some last minute visits to a notary. I guess he could have been a Cancun Trooper, Federale, Soldier, Rebel, or a tour guide, but at least we would have had the connection down in Cancun. However, I think everyone is glad he was able to work it out. I would also like to ask Ken and Melissa, where did you learn how to dance like that?

R&R

The Southeast 2nd annual baseball outing this year is to Edison field to see the

Angels take on the Detroit Tigers on Saturday, August 21, 1999, at 7:05 p.m. The tickets are \$20 per person, which includes a good seat, \$8 in food vouchers and \$2 in interactive game tokens. The deadline to purchase tickets is July 10, 1999. Contact Det. Paul Scire at Southeast Detectives for tickets at (213) 485-6902.

Southeast Movement

Movement here at Southeast is usually more out than in, however, this DP we had a large reversal. I would like to welcome in from WLA Sgt.-I E. Hale, new PII's Mun (SB), Moreno (STD), PII K. Schmidt (FTHL), PII J. Ulrich (HOBK), PII B. Hand (HWD), PII J. Jamison (HWD), PII T. Borngrebe (NE), PII J. Rivera (NEWT), PII P. Solano (NHWD), PII D. Melton (PAC), PII J. Chrispens (PAC-LAX), PII R. Tijerina (WIL), PII A. Little (WLA), and last but not any least, are our two new boots, PI E. Martin & PI J. Min.

Farewell to Sgt. Kim who leaves us for the OT at Transit Rail, Officers Cotter, Kim, and Lopez who leave for Central.



Mr. and Mrs. Ken Santolla on April 18, 1999.

Good luck to the former Officer Quintana now Santolla who is off to Central Traffic. Good luck to PII K. McNamee (PAC), PII D. Odom (PAC), PII R. Crump (RAMP), PII L. McKenzie (TBD), PII E. Young (TBD), PII T. Rodda (WIL), PII D. Hale (WLA), and last but more importantly PII L. Trosclair (WLA).

Until the next one, be safe, stay low, and watch where you leave your black and white.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

Only in Hollywood

Where else but here in the "glitter division" would our chief need to check to see that every officer's uniform is bright and shiny. Hey! If our officers were any

Goodbye to the "Mad Russian"

It has finally happened. Det. III Serge Riyevski, after 26 years of dedicated service, has officially decided to retire.



Michael Pinarro, Michael Smith, Serge Riyevski, Cynthia Tapia and Floyd Toledo.



more polished and sparkly, the chief would need to buy a pair of dark glasses to conduct his upcoming dreaded "divisional inspection." (See photo of HWD SLO officers.)

Serge left behind a legend for his followers to talk about for years. His mere name struck fear in the hearts of all who worked for him. Serge was a proud advocate of physical fitness who demanded that all

who worked for him maintain a rigorous personal training program. His trademark was the dreaded "mind torture" method of supervision. It was identified by Serge, a giant of a man, standing above you snapping his fingers while demanding that you complete your follow-up reports. You shake wondering if he is going to perform his patented "Riyevski" choke hold. Myth has it this hold has

Division one of the top leaders in money contributed within LAPD. "Thank you again to all of you who so generously and unselfishly contributed to the campaign. This is just another shining example of why Hollywood Division is LAPD's premier division!"

In-Outs-N-Ups

With summer arrival comes tourists to Hollywood. Landing recently in search of a chance meeting with a super star, Lt. M. Menza from Pacific. Also P-3 Pandolfo traveled here from DSD with eyes wide open.

Vowing not to escape if promoted are new P-3s A. Rasch and M. Rimkunas. Leaving after tasting the excitement here are: Lt. D. Miller to WTD, with P-2s T. Campo to 77th, D. Ternlund and R. White to Club Dev. A. Maxwell to Pacific, B. Hand and J. Jamison to S/E. H. Usma to S/W and M. Terrazas to WVAL.

Good luck one and all. May your time here be seen as your brightest years in your amazing careers.

Memorial Ceremonies

Sgt. Fred Tredy, Hollywood Division, Fire and Police Pension Commissioner and Sgt. Rob Holroyd, Hollenbeck Division, along with Commander Scott La Chasse and Lt. Paula Hermann of Harbor Division, joined a contingent of LAPD officers attending the memorial ceremonies at the Washington, D.C. Capitol building. The 1999 National Police Officers Memorial

landed numerous victims in the hospital. Serge was also known for his "management by walking around" style of supervision.

On his last day of work, as befitting this health nut, a group of his followers ran with him around the Hollywood Lake. Attending the memorial event were Michael Pinarro, Michael Smith, Serge Riyevski, Cynthia Tapia, and Floyd Toledo.



LAPD Officers at the Capitol Building.

March of Dimes

Officer Mary Kidd, the Hollywood Division March of Dimes coordinator, reports that Hollywood Division supported the 1999 March of Dimes campaign by contributing over \$1,730 to the campaign. The donations were from March of Dimes t-shirt sales, wraparound March of Dimes bean bag babies sales, and cash monies. Officer Kidd wishes to thank all the Hollywood Division personnel who participated in the campaign, including patrol, detectives, reserves, and civilians. Your efforts made Hollywood

Ceremonies was attended by most LAPD officers ever. The officers were there to honor the memory of the three LAPD officers who were killed in the line of duty in 1998. Out of the hundreds of police departments, sheriff departments, and state police officers who attended this event, LAPD's officers stood out as the most professional. It's not uncommon to see officers from other agencies to seek out LAPD officers and ask to have their pictures taken with them. It makes you proud to be a part of an agency that is so respected in the law enforcement community.

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RIDING THE RAILS

by Jose Ceja
Transit Group

Surf and Turf

It's no wonder we all enjoy our training days at Transit Group so much. On June 2nd and 3rd everyone was treated to some delicious steak and lobster. After getting the appetite juices flowing by subjecting everyone to two hours of juvenile procedures training and two more hours of first-aid/CPR training, we were all ready to eat drink and be merry.

All the first-aid and CPR in the world couldn't save the lobsters at the training day. Their lives were as worthless as



From left to right: Officers Kouri, West, Ewing, Pigao, Hall, (Sgt.) Morales and Campos.

expired transfers. Lobster after lobster met its untimely demise at the hands of Transit Group officers.

Some of the succulent little critters tried to hide, but to no avail. Dressed in protective bibs and armed with nothing more than sticks of butter and forks, the officers gathered up the unruly crustaceans and ate every last one.

Thanks again to everyone that helped out with the preparations.

Football Stars

Transit Group has contributed many things to the LAPD, including four outstanding officers to the Department's football team: Officers **Todd Waymire** (Capt. of Transit Group's softball team, "The Dirty Thirty"), **Dave Bambrick**,



From left to right: Officers Todd Waymire, Dave Bambrick, Juan Campos and Malcolm Thomas.

Juan Campos, and **Malcolm Thomas**. These four fine officers devote a great deal of their own time to the noble task of crushing opponents on the gridiron as members of the LAPD Centurions. Officer Thomas told me football offers a quiet and relaxing way of venting the stresses of the job. "I enjoy the satisfaction I get from breaking my opponents in two. There's nothing more soothing."

Officer Bambrick, an athlete and all around good guy, said, "... football for me is a lot like badminton, except there's a lot more pain, and, oh yeah, there's no net."

Remember guys, "...the fuszbol is good" and keep drinking that "high quality H₂O." We are all proud of our Centurions!

Everybody Wants Kung Fu Kenny

From the Halls of TRD to the shores of Dockweiler Beach, two former United States Marines, Officer "Kung-fu" **Kenny Dye**, and his partner, Officer **Anthony Chavez**, were among the participants at this year's Police Memorial Run. The lovely **Lupita Alaniz** kicked off the day with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.

Transit Group sent several teams to the Memorial Run, all of which did an outstanding job. There was a supervisors team, a mixed team and a plus 200 pound team.

A special effort was made by our "Big Boys." Officers Chavez and Dye used their Marine Corps training to see them through the race. Officer **Mathais** didn't let the Marines do all the work. He knocked out a fast run of his own.

Everyone who participated did an excellent job.

A special thanks should be given to **Sgt. Elaine Morales** and Officer **Gary Borg** who organized the transit teams. And before I forget, Officer **Mathais** did a great job of avoiding the time light last month. He denied having anything to do with the TRD jacket and gym, selflessly giving all the credit to his partner. However, Officer **Mathais** did a great deal of work towards making the gym and the jacket at TRD possible. We should all thank this fine officer for his hard work.

Historic Display

Officer **Chris Carson** has taken it upon himself to put together an impressive display documenting the history of transit policing in the city of Los Angeles. The display will include photos of the

men and women who patrolled the bus lines and trains as RTD and MTA police officers. Along with these photos, will be included badges and memorabilia belonging to the officers and chiefs of these two departments. Officer Carson dug deep and has unearthed information detailing the LAPD's involvement in transit policing years ago, when the transit system was made up of Pacific Electric's Big Red Cars.

Chris says some of the items in his possession may be included in the soon-to-be-built Police History Museum. Kudos on an outstanding job, Chris!

The World Class Police Department LAPD RECRUITMENT RHETORIC

by Douglas P. Larkin
Employment Opportunity
and Development Division

At-an-Officer

This is a first for my column that will highlight and commend an officer within our unit. I'm doing this because as a recruiter you will rarely be faced with a life and death situation, but due to the nature of our work you might have to spend countless hours on a project that might develop into nothing or something great. It's a coin toss every time.

This officer is extremely punctual, upbeat, and even tempered all the time. This officer is a great representative of our Department and goes to great lengths to ensure that every contact is a positive one, whether on the telephone or in person. This officer is very approachable and is someone who can listen but can also deliver sound advice. This officer is **Ken Roa**. Good job.

Out-of-Town Testing

The recruitment goal at the beginning of 1999 was to focus our efforts in the central California and bay areas. Officers **Frank Ramirez**, **Valencia Thomas**, and **Joe Ferreira**, started in the San Mateo area and also in Sacramento. **Frank Banuelos**, **Lin Hom**, **Rosa Torres**, and myself saturated the Stockton and Modesto areas. This continued into the early

month of May when Officers **Joe Ferreira**, **Diane Alonzo**, **Valencia Thomas**, and **Phil Stine** continued the campaign to solicit any and all eligible candidates from the bay area to join our Department. They went to colleges, universities, and attended various law enforcement expos and job fairs, at Travis, Beale, and McClellan Air Force Bases. Then on May 22nd, the officers were joined by Personnel Division to administer the written test at the Oakland Convention Center. In addition to the testing, the Officers conducted oral preparatory seminars and career seminars to assist those who want to become a Los Angeles Police Officer. As you can see, this was a tremendous effort by all of our recruitment officers which led to a tremendous outcome.

Phone Number Changes

As promised, here are the recruitment section's new phone numbers: (323) 957-4529, 4530, 4531, and 4532. We still have a recording and voice mail on the (213) 485-4051 number which we check on a regular basis. And in the off chance that you call during the non-office hours, we've hired **Jar Jar Binks** of "The Phantom Menace" to answer our night calls. (He needed a job after his horrible reviews as an actor!)

Department in Need

Although your recruitment section is doing just about everything possible to recruit qualified candidates, only 28 recruits entered the Academy in DP5. This is way below our standard and it reinforces our need to have everyone reading this article assist us in recruiting for our Department. Your every contact is sending a message to a vast majority of people on what it is like to be a Los Angeles Police Officer and in return why they or someone that they know would want to be one of us. Be safe and scout hard for your new partners.

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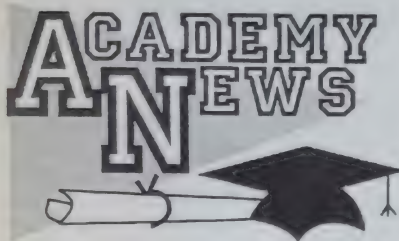
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by David Koeh
Training Division

Sgt. Rick Hunter Assists the LAPD's DARE Program

In the month of May, 1999, an actor from one of the LAPD's most influential television shows assisted the LAPD's DARE program. Former Los Angeles Rams football player and actor from the hit television series "Hunter," Mr. Fred Dryer, donated his time to help the LAPD in its DARE program. Sgt. Minini of the Physical Training and Self-Defense Training Unit was awe-inspired to meet one of his legends.

Memorial Run Relay

All of the recruits from Training Division participated in this relay to dedicate the fallen officers of law enforcement. Good job! Many of Training Division's instructors also participated and won tro-

phies. Officer **Kathy Weigel** of the Recruit Coordination Training Unit won first place in the Women's category. Officer **Jeff Freyermuth** of the Physical Training and Self-Defense Training Unit won first place in the Men's 40-45 category. And Officer **Bruce Barrios** of the PT/SD Training Unit obtained third place in the Men's 40-45 area. Great job!



Actor Fred Dryer with Sgt. Minini.

Transfers

Congratulations to Sgt. II Delatorre! Sgt. Delatorre was selected to join the Internal Affairs Group. I know that he will provide that division with outstanding work ethics as he did here at Training Division.



by Ron Granados
Narcotics Division

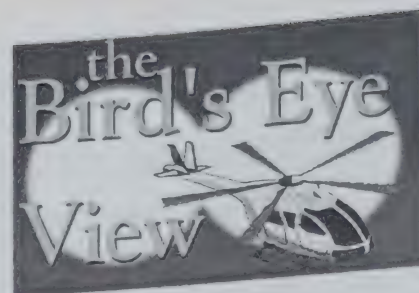
Just a little reminder to all interested runners, Baker to Vegas is 10 months away, so those who want to run start preparing now. We plan on putting a team together that will surpass our accomplishments this past year.

The month of May experienced several retirements from Narcotics. In Central Bureau FES Detective II "Roger" Compton retired and found employment at Los Angeles District Attorney as a DA Inves-

tigator. Good luck, Roger! P-2 **Adrian Parga** from Central Bureau FES has promoted and moved onto Hollenbeck CRASH as a P-3.

In the month of May the MVS/LAX Squad night crew during a narcotics investigation at American Airlines recovered 44,000 pills (Ecstasy) from a Canadian National who was planning to distribute the pills in New York. During an interview of the suspect it was revealed that the pills were purchased for \$10 per pill (wholesale) and would sell on the street for \$20 to \$30 a pill. The retail street value for the 44,000 pills would range from \$880,000 to \$1.3 million.

On May 15th Narcotics Division had 1 team to represent ND at the 21st annual Police Memorial Run at Dockweiler Beach. The ND team ran in the Masters Category and placed 3rd, with an overall place of 10th (**Roger Ramirez, Ron Hodges, Adrian Parga, Ron Granados, Gerry Kennelly**).



by Michelle Blackstone
Air Support Division

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

Independence Day has a whole new meaning for some of our "O.G." Pilots **Ira Putnam, Larry Clark, Bob Baker, Sgt. Dick Eyster**, and of course, Captain **John Trundle**. These guys are pulling the pin and their first official retired day will be July 4th. Congratulations men; you're irreplaceable and will be missed more than you'll ever know!!

We're also losing a terrific tactical flight officer. **Patti Fuller** is going to the

retiring, but losing Narvia is going to turn this place upside down. Hurry back we'll miss you!

I would like to take time to personally thank **Dick Eyster**, who on his last day, May 29th, brought in mugs with the ASD logo and a copy of his business card printed on them and gave them out to all of us as well as the mechanics over at our Van Nuys maintenance facility. That was above and beyond the call and we truly appreciate it. See you on August 13th!

At the time of this writing, we have not yet had our picnic (June 5th), but I'm sure we'll have some good gossip for the next article.

We will be having our multi-8 retirement party on August 13th at the Academy for Capt. Trundle, Lt. Johnson, Sgt. Eyster, Officer/Pilots Putnam, Baker, Clark, and Officer/TFOs Nelson and Lafferty. Please RSVP ASAP.

I am in the process of writing an article about the incredible amount of experience we're losing by way of retirements, and any input from anyone



Air Support 1999 Memorial Relay.

dogs! (Bomb dogs, that is.) Congratulations, Patti. It's not going to be the same around here without you, but we're sure you'll have a great time and do a terrific job!

Our pilots in training are doing great. We like to congratulate them on their first solos. **Dan Hadfield** soloed on May 18th, **Larry Chamberlain** on May 21st, and our very own **Jorge Gonzalez** on May 25th. We're proud of you. Keep up the great work!

on the careers of the current batch of retirees that we have coming up or the last group, please contact me. I have had the good fortune of working with these guys for all that long, but I would like to write something to try to give them the credit they're due.

ASD Tip of the Month

It's very important to maintain your perimeter position once you have established it. It's very easy to get caught up



Air Support Police Memorial Golf Tournament 1999.

Good job to our runners at the Memorial Run: **Frank King, Gil Campos, Jerry Camporedondo, Ed McKeon**, and **Michelle Blackstone** placed 4th in the Masters category (thanks to Frank and Gil). They were so shocked they won anything, they didn't know about it for a week. It was a great time with a little parking lot barbecue that followed. Thanks to all who participated. We had two teams. The second team was **Jack Brandt, Deb Kickbush, Angela Dumler, Ray Crawford and Bob Green**. Great job by everyone, thanks!

We would also like to congratulate and wish all the best to Management Analyst II **Narvia Wells** who is leaving us June 11th to have a baby due on the 14th! It's one thing that the captain is

in the moment at the termination of a pursuit or foot pursuit, but unless you are detrimental to the safety of the officers, respond to perimeter positions immediately and stay there! Remember, no one in, no one out unless you have cleared them and are 100 percent sure that you are not letting the suspect go. Even if a foot pursuit begins inside of the perimeter, stay there, unless you see the suspect and can assist in taking him into custody. If someone on the perimeter says they have the suspect in custody, do not give up your position until the suspect is "positively" ID'd.

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West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

I tuned to the local news recently to see if anything had "happened" while I was out, only to find that a drive-by shooting had occurred at Palisades High School. Officer P-3 **Ferrand** and P-1 **Tatum** responded to the scene which occurred just as school was letting out. The suspects circled around the front of the school and yelled, "Jamaican Mafia" at a group who



LAPD Celebrity Golf Tournament - Chief Daryl Gates, PSR Mary Dacey and Kathleen Carlsson.

yelled back in response. The suspects circled back and then fired into the group striking a student and a coach. Officer Tatum went with the paramedics and victims to the hospital while Ferrand cordoned off the area to set up a crime scene. Ferrand requested a unit Code 3 to help control the situation. While waiting for the additional unit, Officer Ferrand used his black-and-white to prevent vehicles from driving through the area. He also collected several IDs from witnesses and attempted to prevent students from contaminating the crime scene. By the time officers **Castro** and **Llamas** arrived, Ferrand had verified that there were no additional victims at the location. The arriving officers interviewed witnesses and stood by for the detectives. The suspects were later apprehended by the LAPD and School Police units at the 10 and 405 Freeways in a '99 Oldsmobile Alero. Sgt. **Warren** supervised the incident while the officers took the suspects into custody. The shooter turned out to be the driver of the Alero. The student sustained a bullet wound in the thigh and the coach (who was in the wrong place at the wrong time) was grazed by a ricocheting bullet; both were treated and released. Det. **Ron Phillips** said, "We think it was possibly between some Bloods and some Crips."

The Annual Police Memorial Celebrity Golf Tournament was held on May 15th at Rancho Park. Dennis Franz of "NYPD Blue" hosted the occasion which included Chief **Bernard Parks** and former Chief **Daryl Gates**. Movie stars Elke

Sommer and Jack Nicholson played the course alongside news personalities John Beard and Christopher Nance and several others. Booths depicting various elements of the LAPD were displayed throughout the golf course including the Reserves, the Bomb Squad, Air Support and the Historical Society. The "Mounties" were there too, carefully plodding their way through the lines at the In 'n' Out Burger locale. T-shirts and other prizes were awarded at hole #9 if movie trivia questions were answered correctly. One of the most amazing things was watching band members in police uniforms performing such songs as "Hold on... I'm comin'." They were great. It was encouraging to see such a great turnout for such a worthwhile purpose. Our hearts go out to all the officers who have been killed in the line of duty. I can't think of any more honorable a profession than those who choose "to protect and to serve."

This month we celebrate one of the most important holidays of all... the 4th of July. "The 4th of July is a day to honor all the people who have died... all the men and women who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom that we have in this country," said Officer **Jorge Torres**. "The celebration of this country's independence while barbecuing carne asada in the backyard... that's what it's all about." That from Officer



Channel 11 anchorman John Beard - LAPD Celebrity Golf Tournament.

George Castro, Volunteer **Brenda Weinstein** stated that she enjoyed putting out the flag and barbecuing. In 1985 I spent the 4th of July behind the Iron Curtain in Leningrad (St. Petersburg). We had just arrived after spending three days on a Russian train traveling through Germany and Poland. I went outside the hotel to a large square filled with statues and propaganda slogans commemorating "The Great Patriotic War," the war we know as World War II. I was alone in that square and was suddenly very aware of the freedom we have in our country, knowing that the Russians could not even move to the next town without permission from the government. Not only that, tourists found wandering outside a 3-mile radius of the city were brought in and questioned by the KGB. It was a sobering moment. My friend and I were left to celebrate the 4th of July in our hotel room and were able to hear other American tourists celebrating in their rooms as well. The Cold War has ended and hopefully will remain that way. "Oh say does tha-at Star Spangled Ba-a-nner-r ye-et wa-aaaave..."



by Bill Urrutia
Central Traffic Division

The Children Smile

The children smile, they know.
They've known for a while.

They live for day to day,
no promises, no hopes, just their
parents' sorrow.

It could have happened to
someone else, someone older.

But no, that's not the truth, the truth
is they are the ones, mere babies
who may never see tomorrow.

The children know. God may call
them to his side and end their pain.
The children smile, they know.
They've known for a while.

Cops For Tots Auto Show

On Sunday, August 22, 1999, CTD will host its 4th Cops for Tots Auto Show at the Police Academy. I would like to remind you all that no matter how strong you are or how macho you may be, you will never have the courage that the children at the Bone Marrow Unit of Children's Hospital have. We at CTD encourage you to participate in this worthwhile cause and come to the show. It's free to the public unless they are entering a vehicle to be judged. We need volunteers, we need sponsors, and we need donations. Remember, this benefits the children and any one of these could be one of yours. For more information, contact CTD Officers **Nichols** and **Rugh** at (213) 485-3122.

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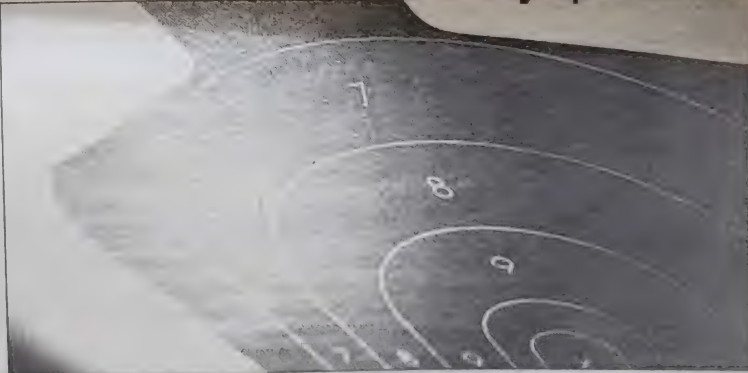
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by Caesar Gonzalez
DARE Division

Meaning of DARE

I have been asked many times by both community people and police officers regarding the meaning of DARE. Other common questions asked of DARE officers include the following. Does DARE really work? What impact does it really have on children? Are you a teacher or a police officer?

Before I address these questions, let me share with you an essay written by the National DARE Scholarship winner, Brittany Reinhardt. Young Brittany wrote the following:

"I graduated from DARE this year. But this was not the first year that I was introduced to DARE. My dad has been teaching DARE for the last six years. As far as I can remember, DARE has played a big part in our family. Some of the things I remember most about DARE are the times my dad came to school each week. This kids were very excited about seeing him, including me. He plans a lot of fun activities with his classes. We live in Crater Lake National Park. My dad takes his DARE class every year cross-country skiing. We learn to have fun without doing drugs."

Every year my family goes to the National DARE Conference. We have been to a lot of interesting places like Orlando, Florida and St. Louis, Missouri. I got to eat lots of M&Ms in Salt Lake City. We are really excited about going to Washington, D.C. next year. I started trading DARE pins last year and look forward to doing it again in Albuquerque. I always meet a lot of nice DARE officers too.

I graduated from this year's sixth grade DARE program. One of the things I learned about DARE was how to show strong self esteem. How I can build strong self esteem is to work hard to get good grades and try to keep playing sports like basketball, soccer, hockey and football. I want to be a marine biologist or a DARE officer when I grow up. I will use some of the things that I learned in DARE class like the eight ways to say "no," having positive role models, and saying "yes" to positive alternatives like cross-country skiing to keep me on the right path.

I also learned about the violence during the DARE program. I have learned to stay away from violence, but sometimes my brothers or sister bug me and I feel like hitting them. I follow the anger rules

which are to stop, think about what I am doing and how it can hurt them, and then I act in a good way. The anger lesson taught me to be a good person. People can trust me and know I'm a good friend.

I admire my DARE officer who is also my dad. I know how hard he works to teach DARE and that he really cares about the kids at school. He taught me a lot that I need to know about drugs, violence, and how to be a good person. I will do the same for my children.

DARE means so much to me because it tells me that there is always a way to get through life without taking drugs."

After reading young Brittany's impressive essay, it is so easy to confront any of the critics' or publics' questions regarding DARE. Our mission is a community policing effort to raise the children of our community drug and violent free. Our timing is especially critical in this society where drug use among the general adult population is on the rise and school violence on the increase. It is evident what impact DARE had on young Brittany. However, most DARE officers do not have the satisfaction of knowing what a positive impact they had on their students live. Like law enforcement, the absence of crime is the best proof that police work is effective. Working with DARE is no different. The absence of drug free children is proof that DARE works. The problem is that studies and the media always focus on the high risk child who has started using drugs, rather than focusing on the child who stays away from drugs and becomes a success.

REMEMBER fellow DARE officers, there are many DARE children out there like Brittany. DARE works because you work. KEEP UP THE GOOD JOB!!

Ron Glover Retires!!

P.O. III Ron Glover is scheduled to retire July 3, 1999, after 29 years of service with the Los Angeles Police Department. Ron is not only an accomplished training officer, but the editor of the N.D.O.A. newsletter. He has written numerous articles regarding drug abuse and DARE. He is an accomplished writer and has received numerous commendations for his outstanding writing ability.

I have had the pleasure of working with Ron and can attest to his work ethic and his personal commitment to the Los Angeles Police Department and the DARE program. I used to joke with Ron and call him "Jurassic Cop." Ron, who joined the department in 1969, has been an officer as long as I have been alive!

However, all kidding aside, Ron represents our proud LAPD tradition. He was an officer during the golden era of police work. He patrolled the streets when shows like "Adam 12" and "Sergeant Friday" epitomized the professionalism of our department. Ron is one of those officers whose credibility is never questioned and work always exceeds normal standards. He works dili-

Southern Tip

by Alley Cat
Harbor Division

Wake up, folks, summer is upon us and the good times are coming. No, I don't mean work. I mean vacation time and playing for a month. We all have to relax and unwind from the job. I would personally like to thank the Officers Representation Unit for all the hard and at times impossible work they do. Hey guys and gals, please take the time to relax and spend some time with your families. They are more important than this job. I would like to say goodbye to one of my old partners. **Barney (Edgar) Frazer**, Harbor Division, retired in the end of May, due to personal reasons. Barney had 28-1/2 years on LAPD and most of it in the streets. He worked his last out of Harbor Detectives, as a detective trainee. He would like to say goodbye to **Capt. Gascon**, Capt-3 of Harbor Division, for all his support at the end. D-2 **Steve Haberfield** is retiring around the 1st of July and is having a retirement party at the Harbor Range on July 30, 5:00 p.m., social hour, 6:00 p.m., dinner, cost is \$20. Steve has over 32 years on LAPD and decided enough is enough. It's amazing how many old and young officers are leaving this Department, with no regrets.

To all the young future cowboys of LAPD, stop and talk with the brothers of Harbor Division, **Shawn** and **Don Anderson**. They're true cowboys in every sense of the word. Both brothers ride bulls for the police rodeo and professionally. Shawn has ridden for the last nine years and Don for the past eight years. They walk with bowed legs and chew tobacco; just look at their chins and look for the stains. Tobacco, not blood. Well, maybe just a little blood. Don just rode last weekend in Ventura County. He had

gently and stays out of politics and always remains positive. At 6 feet 2 inches and with a distinguished career, he serves as a true role model for all officers.

This tribute is for Officer Ron Glover, my "good buddy." Goodbye, Ron. God bless and best wishes.

NDOA

The National DARE Officer's Association conference is coming this July and will be held in Washington, D.C. It is very fitting that we will be converging on our nation's capital to reaffirm our stand against drug use and violence. It is a great opportunity to let the legis-

lators and politicians of our country hear our COLLECTIVE voices against those who advocate the decriminalization and legalization of drugs. It is a time for us to reacquire ourselves with the values and principles of our great country. As police officers, we are the consummate soldiers against domestic enemies. We maintain order and protect those rights and liberties guaranteed by our great Constitution. As police officers and DARE officers we will attend with great pride knowing that we work on a daily basis to uphold those values and principles upon which our great country was founded. I hope you all have a great time.

We lost a few good people: Lt. Don Farrell is going to DHD as a Lt.-2; Sgt. B. Berg is going to Pac-Lax.

Congratulations to **Eric Holyfield** for making D-1 and is headed to Shootin' Newton. Some people can't stay away from Harbor Division. Two persons coming in have been here prior and just can't get enough of this place. **Merrill Dallas**, D-2, gave up her position at Internal Affairs to become a young new/Sgt. at Harbor Patrol. P-3 **Rosemary Piazza** has bailed out of Southwest Div. and is coming home as a new P-2 (first soldier) and heading west to Pacific Div. Last, but not least, **Sam Snyder** polished enough apples to pick up a D-3 spot in Harbor Detectives. If you think I'm kidding, just ask him.

Harbor Detectives have been coming up with clues about crimes. What a novel idea. They have been passing these on to the Career Criminal Unit, who have been putting together some great cases. Under the loose guidance of one Sgt. **Pesanti Rick Brown**, **John Caraveo**, **Malik (JR) Nua** and **Don Anderson**, have been popping the San Pedro burglars. They have recovered in excess of a \$100,000 worth of property in the last few months. These top-notch officers, with the assistance of P-3 trainee **Mario Cortez**, have put together airtight cases that have some real hard-core crooks who belong—in the slammer. If every management type at the divisional level knew what they were doing, they would have unit like this in every patrol. The CCU is making an impact in Harbor and will be felt for a long time. Congratulations to these officers and detectives for a job above and beyond the call of duty.

Keep the faith my brothers and sisters. All is going to get better, patience is a virtue that we have and faith in.

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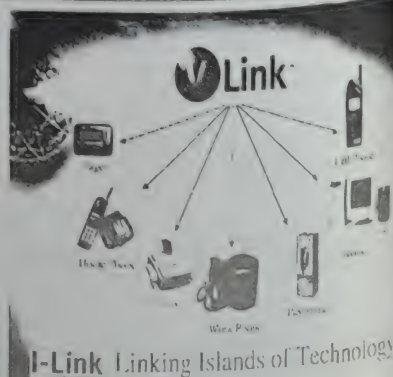


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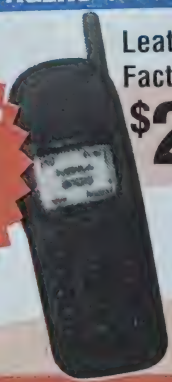
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After years of regular participation in the LAPD Memorial Ceremony—this year the League was excluded from direct involvement. The League hosted a luncheon to honor the families and present permanent memorials to the families of our slain officers.

Police Memorials

by Lenny Muñoz

Fellow Director Tim Sands and I accompanied many of the surviving family members of the three LAPD officers killed in the line of duty in 1998 to the various memorial services held at the local, state and national level during the month of May.

Hollenbeck Division Officer Steve Gajda, Southwest Division Officer Filbert Cuesta, Jr., and Pacific Division Officer Brian Brown will always be remembered by their families and should never be forgotten by the people they served or the officers they served with on a daily basis.

The tribute held on May 3, 1999, at the L.A. County Sheriff's Department's Training Center in Whittier, California, with Sheriff Lee Baca presiding at their beautiful memorial wall was inspiring. Etched on the wall are the names of all officers killed in the line of duty in Los Angeles County. The LAPD held a similar ceremony on May 10, 1999, at the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation's Monument in front of the Police Administration Building in downtown Los Angeles. This monument honors LAPD officers killed in the line of duty.

Preceding this event, the Los Angeles Police Protective League hosted the family survivors at a luncheon at a nearby hotel. Unlike previous years, the

League was omitted from this year's agenda at the memorial site so the membership's presentation to the surviving family members had to be scheduled elsewhere. The luncheon proved to be an excellent alternative enjoyed by the surviving family members, League Directors and co-workers of the slain officers. At its conclusion, we all walked, as a group, the short distance to Parker Center for the ceremony.

A special guest of honor, not to mention a very special person, invited to the League's luncheon reception was an admirable young lady by the name of Nicole Sintic. If the name sounds familiar, it's because her father was a Los Angeles Police Officer killed in the line of duty many years ago.

LAPD Officer Zlatko Nicholas Sintic, known as Nick by his many friends, was killed in the line of duty on February 12, 1976. Officer Sintic made the ultimate sacrifice while working Devonshire Division as he responded to a robbery at a fast food restaurant. He left his widow, Linda and two very young children, Nikki and her younger brother, Nick. What a harsh blow, but the worst was yet to come.

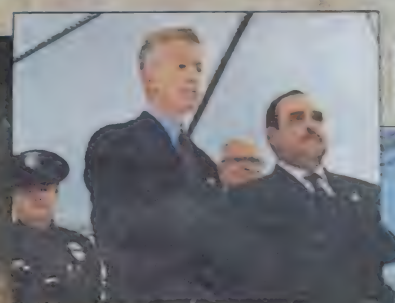
A couple of years later, Nikki's mother would be stricken by cancer only to succumb to its devastation. The kids were now orphans and it still wasn't over. A few years after losing their mom,

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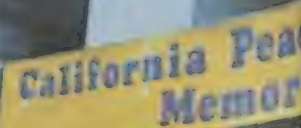
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The Brown Family



LAPD contingent representing the Latin American Law Enforcement Association (LA LEY) at state capital



Director Tim Sands, Rose and Fil Cuesta, Sr., Director Lenny Muñoz.



Ofcr. Gary Copeland escorting Fil and Rose Cuesta, along with Capt. John Egan and Detective Art Placencia of the Latin American Law Enforcement Association (LA LEY).



The Gajda Family

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Washington, D.C.



Vice-President Al Gore addressing crowd estimated at 25,000 by C.O.P.S. executive director Suzie Sawyer.



Fil, Sr. and Rose Cuesta followed by LAPPL Director Tim Sands, Steve Gajda, Sr. and Brandon and Brittany, children of Steve Gajda, Jr.



Sylvia Cuesta, widow of Filbert H. Cuesta, Jr., escorted by Fil's partners, Richard Gabaldon (Lt.) and Gary Copeland.



Richard and Emily Calvert with grandson Dylan Brown.



Chris Hester, mother of Steve Gajda, presenting gifts to Dylan Brown, son of Olcr. Brian Brown.



LAPD Officers (Lt to Rt), Frenchy Dorrier, Richard Gabaldon, Nathan Ellis with Sylvia Cuesta's brother Jaime Cuesta and USMC Lance Corporal Guarino, son of LAPD Sgt. (Ret) Frank Guarino.



League Director Tim Sands with Brittany Gajda, daughter of Steve Gajda. Also present are Steve Gajda, Sr., Christine Hester (mother) and Mark Gajda, Steve's brother and an LA City firefighter.

Governor Davis, Al
Exec. Dir. (POMF)
Samantha

Peace Officers
Memorial



Brandon Gajda and Dylan Brown

Gajda Family



Sylvia Cuesta holds daughter Sierra while Jim Vogts (LA Sheriffs Prof. Peace Olcr. Assoc.) offers a teddy bear. In background are LAPD escort officers Richard Gabaldon and Gary Copeland.



Samantha Cuesta with her grandparents.



Sylvia Cuesta with Southwest Division Police Officers at Sacramento Candlelight Vigil.



Alex and Arlono Ortiz with daughter Erica.



Sylvia Cuesta, her kids and her parents.



Gov. Davis with Sasja Brown and Dylan Brown.

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by Ted Hunt

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Officer Brian Ernest Fenimore Brown #32054 End of Watch: November 29, 1998

On a humid December day in South Texas, forty Los Angeles Police Officers from 77th Street, Pacific, Newton and Van Nuys Divisions respectfully fell into formation for inspection in the parking lot of the Double Tree Hotel. In true, LAPD Class-A, world known style, they were called to attention, and to "dress the line" by Captain Michael Hillman. Captain Hillman is a former Officer of the 77th Street Division whom Officer Brian Brown worked for and had the utmost respect.

Tourists and the Houston Police Department alike stared in awe as these officers from four separate Divisions came together as one solid unit, to pay the last and final respects to our brother Officer Brian E. Brown.

Our officers received a full police escort to a small Catholic Church in Colleen, Texas. Chaplain Hillman, Captain Hillman's brother, assisted the parish priest in the Mass of Resurrection. At the conclusion (an open, horse drawn carriage) Brian was paraded to his final rest at the Houston National Cemetery.

Officer Brian Ernest Fenimore Brown #32054 was laid to rest with full

Military and Police honors for being both a decorated combat veteran and a fallen "hero" of the Thin Blue Line of

bagpiper, past two somber rows of LAPD Officers saluting their fallen "Comrade." Brian would have been



the Los Angeles Police Department.

Pall Bearers representing 77th Street, Pacific, Newton Street and Van Nuys Divisions carried Brian behind a lone

proud of the way he was represented by the Houston Police Department, the United State Marine Corps Honor Guard and the Jackson County Sheriffs

Office. Together they made his last "mission" with his fellow officers and comrades possible. Your "back-up" was in true "esprit de corps" fashion. Thank you!

Community assistance was overwhelming as well: The Offices of Dick Guttman assisted with travel expenses, The Tonight Show and Jay Leno assisted with various travel expenses as well as Chris Edgecomb who donated fourteen round trip airline tickets to Houston. A special thanks to Atlantis Travel for arranging flights and flight times for all of the officers. It is indeed a comforting feeling to know that when we need the community in which we serve, they too are very protective and supporting.

77th Street Officer Robert Peters, thank you for sharing your memories and this symbolic photo. I am sure that Brian remains very proud of you. It is hoped that when any Los Angeles Police Officer walks down our "77th Street Roll Call Corridor of Memories," they see this photo tribute and remember Officer Brian E. Brown, #32054, as well as the rest of the Officers before him.

77th Streets Officers of today remember when we "hit the streets," listen to that one message that echoes through the "Corridor of Memories." The message from these fallen Officers is simply, "Be safe out there."

Respectfully,
Senior Lead Officer
Maria C. Marquez #23641
12 Adam 15, 77th Street Division

COMMENDABLE COPPER CAPERS

Officer Richard Arciniega of Newton Division was honored on May 4, 1999, when Det. III Jack Giroud of Robbery Homicide Division presented him with a plaque for second place in the California Robbery Investigators Association's 1998 Officer of the Year award for Southern California in a ceremony at PAB.

Richard, a 14-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department, was recommended for the prestigious award for his dedication to duty and being instrumental in the identification and arrest of numerous murder suspects while assigned to the Newton Area CRASH anti-gang unit. Richard has the ability to know the pulse of the streets. He knows who the gang members are and has cultivated many informants. It is well known by all Newton Detective personnel that if you need a gang member located and arrested you first go to Richard.

Richard was instrumental in the identification of a suspect who committed two violent street robberies. After reading the crime reports, he believed that the suspect probably committed the robberies, he then constructed a photo identification card, met with the victims and witnesses and obtained a positive identification. He then located and arrested the suspect, who is now serving 24 years in prison.

In another case, a suspect committed numerous robberies in Burbank and Hollywood. Detectives from Burbank Police Department, who had worked with Richard before, requested his help. Richard reviewed their reports and based on M.O. and description believed that a certain suspect was their man. Again Richard met with the victims and witness and obtained positive identification. This suspect is now serving life in prison.

When another suspect committed a very violent street robbery, Richard was able to I.D. him through M.O. and descriptors. And yet another suspect went to prison.

A suspect who enjoyed robbing young Hispanic females was the next to cross paths with Richard. He interviewed the victims and formed the opinion that a certain gang member was responsible. He showed the victims a photo line-up. They I.D.'d him and Richard sent him to prison.

When several robberies occurred at a swap meet, Richard met with the victims and based on his knowledge of the local gang, was able to determine who the suspect was. That suspect is now serving 26 years in jail.

And finally, while investigating a business robbery, Richard met with the victim and was able to obtain a positive I.D. on the suspect. During an interview with the suspect he confessed to the robbery and also to killing another gang member. He is now serving life.



Officer Richard Arciniega.

The above cases all occurred in 1998. And in many of the cases Richard was able to obtain confessions from the suspects. Richard has received countless commendations from the Los Angeles Police Department and many from other Departments. The citizens of Los Angeles are safer thanks to him. Richard Arciniega is truly deserving of the California Robbery Investigators Association's award.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

What About Wilshire?

by Jason Ficken
Wilshire Division

Last month PM Watch Officers **Frederick**, #34701, and **Daigle**, #30388, were on FASTRAC Patrol. They were flagged down by a landlord regarding two abandoned vehicles that were left behind by previous tenants. Being the community-oriented, hard chargers that they are, both officers decided to investigate this civil matter in more detail. The officers inspected both vehicles and made very keen observations. The vehicles had no steering columns, ignitions, or VIN plates. One would think the totality of the circumstances surrounding the condition of the vehicles would make the officers believe they were possibly stolen. They thought wrong!! The officers, nearing Code 7 and EOW, and obviously worn out during the entire 10-minute investigation, advised the landlord that he could probably get a good deal for the

vehicles if he had a yard sale. Just kidding.

In actuality, Officers Daigle and Frederick, using common sense ran the vehicles' license plates in which both plates returned Code 6 Charles for burglary. Officers impounded the vehicles and gathered as much information on the suspects as possible. They went back to the station and exaggerated the story to night watch Detective **Maggie Brownell**. She in turn did a little follow-up on her own. The next day, Officers Daigle and Frederick conducted a follow-up to one of the suspect's temporary residence, a hotel on La Cienega Blvd. They discovered the vehicle the suspect was believed to be driving in the parking lot. After a brief Code 5 the suspect came out, got in the vehicle and drove off. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle which was also Code 6 Chuck and the suspect was taken into custody without incident. Det. **Art Placencia** interviewed the suspect at Wilshire Station. The suspect copped out to numerous 459s and BMFVS in the area. A follow-up to the suspect's hotel revealed many items that had been stolen from the burglaries. An additional suspect involved in the crimes was already in custody for a 211 committed in Hollywood Division. The end results of this outstanding investigation is sure to clear up over 25 DRS. This hometown burglar will get a much-deserved vacation and luxury suite at the Gray Bar Motel. Excellent job by everyone.

Baby Boom

With all the new offspring in Wilshire over the past six months, it's been hard to keep up. Here are a few of Wilshire's finest little recruits. To make it interesting, I thought it would be fun to have you guess which baby's daddy works at Wilshire.

Baby #1's first name is Natalie? Born on 1/30/99 at 0800 hours, 7 pounds, 8 ounces. Mother's name is Karen.



Mystery Baby #1.

Baby #2 is Alyssa. Born on 3/24/99, at 1120 hours, 12 ounces. Mother's name is Ana.

Baby #3 is Justin. Born on 9/21/98, 7 pounds, 8 ounces. Mother's name is Isha.

CLUES: #1's daddy works Mid-PMs and last name is an Asian spice. #2's daddy works Patrol, just made P-3 and used to peddle around the Division. #3's

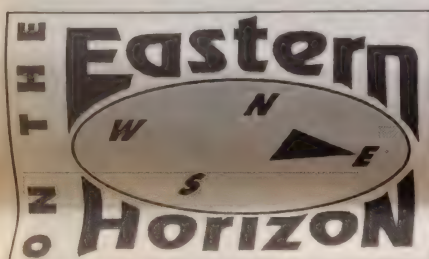


Mystery Baby #2.



Mystery Baby #3.

daddy thinks he can play basketball. He was a Detective at South East and is now a Sergeant on Morning Watch.



by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Happy 4th of July, everyone! May you have a wonderful summer in the company of your loved ones. By the tie you read this, I will be enjoying my long summer vacation.

Wedding Announcement

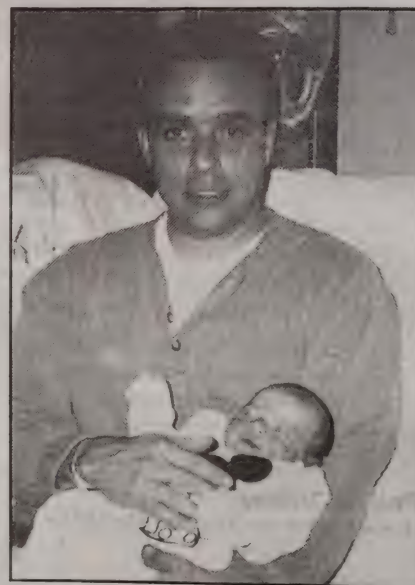
I really hate to be the bearer of bad news and break all your hearts, but it



seems that our very own **Scarlett "Barbie" Miller** is no longer available. The lovely Ms. Miller, now known as Mrs. Nuno, was recently married to her "Ken," Mr. **Favian Nuno**, in Orange County. The happy couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico, following the wedding ceremony. Favian and Scarlett, the Hollenbeck family wishes you a lifetime of happiness. Congratulations.

Stork Visit

I have yet another Hollenbeck stork visit to tell you guys about. **Craig "the Happy Leprechaun" McLaren**'s lovely wife, **Elizabeth**, recently gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Little (but not much smaller than dad) **Cameron William**



Craig McLaren holding little Cameron.

came into the world on March 6, 1999, arriving precisely at 0100 hours. Baby Cameron weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and measured 21-1/2 inches in length (at that size, he may already be bigger than dad). Craig and Elizabeth, congratulations on your new family addition, and we wish you lost of luck in the future.

Congratulations

Congratulations and salutations go out to Officer **Adrian Parga** on his

promotion to P-3. **Adrian** returns to Hollenbeck after a stint in Narcotics Division. **Adrian**, congrats and welcome back. Our hats also go off to Officer **J. Alfaro**, who promoted to P-3 as well.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Officer **S. Salazar**, who joins from Central Division. We also welcome Officer **M. Liberman**, coming to us via Narcotics Division. Officer **J. Bloomer** ventures our way from Transit Rail Division. We also say hello to two brand new probationers: they are **M. Killman** and **T. Ralph**. We have a new PSR in charge of the mid-day watch here at Hollenbeck, who comes to us from the dungeon and will be with us for four months. A big Hollenbeck welcome to PSR **Terri Perez**.

So Long

We bid farewell and good luck to the following officers: **Matt "Way Too Tall" Jones** is now ducking under the door frames at North Hollywood Division. **Karima Tahir** joins Matt at North Hollywood, while **J. Ulrich** is now patrolling the streets of Southeast Division. **Kimmie Williams-Dixon** is serving the citizens of West L.A., while **Joe Charbonneau** is keeping the West Valley area safe. **Brett Clark**, **John Hatfield** and **Melissa Lynch** are all riding the buses at Transit Bus Division. Last but not least, we have two civilians also looking for greener pastures. **SCT Annette Montoya-Arreola** is now typing at OCVD while PSR **Rudy Vasquez** is back in the dungeon at Communications Division. We wish good luck to all of you on your new endeavors.

Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **Steve "Hairy Dude" Carlos**.

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VANNUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose
Van Nuys

Seems I forgot one of the newborn, or else I was just given the picture of one very cute baby, Tristan Steven Wallin,



Tristan Steven Wallin, born to Det. Teresa Wallin, on Oct. 5, 1998.

born October 5, 1998, to Teresa Wallin. They told me I have the rest of the stats. If so, I lost them. Kind of a senior moment thing.

Got a couple of heroes in Andre Plummer and Dax Martin who actually successfully completed a Heimlich maneuver to save a choking woman. Nice job, guys. Took one look at the transfer number six and decided it would take two or three pages to list all of those

going and coming. Do have to report who our new Sergeant II is, as those are one of the guys to hand out specials and OK days off. We are getting Mike Long from VTD to replace the retired Paul McMillin. At least he won't have far to move. Thinking of Sergeant IIs, Wolfgang von Hundertmark will soon be on his honeymoon and touring Europe. The good sergeant did state that he will skip Yugoslavia. Does this mean he will not purchase one of the those fine Yugo automobiles? Oh, that's right, we blew the factory up. Have a good time, Sergeant.

I would like to show some appreciation to one of our hard-working record clerks, Julie Manglicmot. Juliet is always there to help no matter how many things she has going, and with Van Nuys records, something is always going on. All of these people really have a tough row to hoe as this is one of the busiest records units around. Keep up the good work. We may not always tell you how much we appreciated all of you, but we sure do.

Officer Denoi and his wife were celebrating their fifth wedding anniversary in Newport Beach. Dennis turned and there it was, a boat named "FASTRAC." Just can't escape it. Maybe it was the Chief's boat.



Andre Plummer and Dax Martin - Heros who successfully completed the Heimlich maneuver.

I was in the Van Nuys workout room the other day and noted Memo Rosales curling a whole lot of weight. (I'm not sure I could bench that much.) Seems Memo has embarked on a program of weight lifting. He sure looks a lot better. Also on the same note, Lt. Al Dravidzius seems to have found some workout time. If these two guys can do it, we all can. Maybe Al figures that one of the coppers will come looking for him as he heads up our Admin Unit. I think of this unit as more of a damage control than anything else. Difficult to slide anything by Bernie and his group.

The Van Nuys Area Softball Team will conclude their season next week. We did accomplish one important feat, we finally defeated the West Valley juggernaut, spoiling their undefeated season. They

year. Thanks a lot, guys. Without guys like you we would have no team. I got to show up and the actually play in a couple of games only because I own the only two high tech bats. Guess that makes me the equipment manager. I'm still the stud on my senior-over-sixty team. Hate to admit that, but then it's been many, many, many years since I was the youngest guy on any team. (Actually it will be August before I turn sixty, a long ways away.)

I noted that long-time IRO employee Mark Barnes was back on Van Nuys Desk. Too many people awaiting trial boards. Once they feel the wrath of Bernie, they can go away or go back to patrol and Mark can return to his spot. I was going to pick on one of the Day Watch sergeants, but then I don't know who is going to do the days off, and I need



Seen in Newport Beach by Officer Dennis Denoi. The Chief's boat???

have had too many of those in recent years anyway. Glen O'Shea was so excited, he forgot to show up the next week as we lost to West L.A. It was all Glen's fault. Really, Glen and Vic Sua have put a lot of time and effort into the team this

days for a tourney in Reno and the California State Police Summer Games. So Steve Nassief and Charles Hearn, you get to slide this time around. Catch ya next issue. That's all for now. See ya next month.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Tom Wich
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

The commendable incident for this month's article goes to the Rape Specials Section for their investigation of the "West Side Rapist." Detectives **Lambkin, Rubalcava, Correa, Stone, and Alviani** are to be commended for their outstanding initiative and darn good detective work that resulted in the arrest of this ruthless criminal. This lowlife, who kept the entire female population on the West Side of town fearing for their safety, is responsible for numerous residential burglaries during which he would assault the lone female resident. Due to the sensitivity of this investigation and that the case is currently awaiting trial, I'm prohibited from giving out any other details concerning this investigation.

Moving on Up

The following individuals have increased their pension pay by promoting on up. Congratulations to new Capt. **Julie Nelson** (Rape Specials) who now resides at West Valley station, to new D-IIIs **"J.R." Kwock** and **Mike Mejia** formerly of Homicide Specials now assigned to the Bank Squad (Kwock) and to Robbery Specials (Mejia), and to our new D-II **Dennis English**, a former member of the Bank Squad now assigned to Homicide Specials and to Daryl Maxwell who will remain in Robbery Specials.

New Arrival

Congratulations to newcomer D-II **Mike Whelan** who has left NTN Homicide for his new assignment in RHD at Homicide Specials.

Retirement Corner

Here we go again. The following RHD detectives have decided to hang up their guns and badges. Robbery Specials

will be losing D-IIIs **Joe Najera** (28-1/2 years), and **Bert Luper** (27-1/2 years). The Bank Squad is losing **Tom Appleby** (30 years). And finally our HITMAN unit is saying adios to D-III **Ron Karlson** after 28-1/2 years of service. These detectives have served this city and department with dignity and honor. We wish each of you a long and healthy retirement.

Det. Appleby will be having a retirement dinner on Thursday, July 15th, at the Academy Lounge. The fun begins at 1630 hours with dinner (a Mexican buffet) beginning at 1830 hours. The cost is \$25 per person. Contact **Dennis English** or **Donna Corrales** at 485-0780.

RHD Family Business

Congratulations and good luck to **Nick Frietas** (son of RHD OIS Det.



Tina & Nick Freitas.

John Frietas) and his bride Tina Pierce who were married on May 1st in Chico, Calif. Nick is in the Army assigned as a gunner to the 82nd Airborne Division, Alpha Company 2/235 Airborne Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C.

FYI

Must be a good time to retire! As of January 1st, 13 D-IIIs have retired from RHD. RHD will be having a training day followed by a steak fry on Wednesday, July 28, 1400 hours at the Academy Rock Garden. This is a luncheon honoring retiring detectives Najera and Luper. All retired RHD personnel that would like to join us should contact Chris Arce or Tom Wich at 485-2531 for info. This is not a retirement function but a way for us to have one more lunch with two retiring detectives.

Until next time, have a great 4th of July and BE SAFE.

1 Northeast Corner

by Lauro V. Montes
Northeast Division

Fly that flag high, get together with family and friends and fire up that barbecue 'cause it's that time of the year. Here's wishing you and your family a great 4th of July. Make it a safe one.

Thinking of You

All of Northeast Division will be keeping Sgt. **William Clements**, #20607, in their thoughts and prayers as he battles his recent illness.

Promotions

Congratulations to **Rick Ortiz**, #22862 (Det-1, Wilshire) and **Tony Trusk**, #30454 (P-3, Central) on their recent promotions. Best of luck at your new assignments.

Bouncing Bundle of Joy

Mr. and Mrs. **Patrick Metoyer** celebrated the birth of their first child on 5/26/99. Adalina Rose Metoyer weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches in length.

AM Watch Training Day

On 5/7/99 Northeast AM Watch held a training exercise with the primary emphasis on building searches. Mid-PMs assisted AM Watch with the call load. Everyone benefited from the well organized training. Officer **Mike Jinks**, with the assistance of some



(Left to right): Mike Gilbert & Mike Jinks.

boot named **Mike Gilbert**, barbecued hot links for the troops. There is no truth to the rumor that the actual training lasted one hour and the barbecue for the last seven hours.

Memorial Relay Run

On Saturday, May 8th, Northeast Division sent a large platoon of officers to the



NE Division, 1999 Memorial Relay Team.

21st Annual Memorial Relay Run at Dockweiler Beach. Captain **Lanita Elias** and the Northeast runners were 2nd in total participation and 1st for patrol divisions. Great job by everyone involved and also for helping to maintain Northeast Division's proud athletic tradition.

Detective of the Quarter

Det. **Tony Stephenson** is an eight and one half year Department veteran who is currently assigned to the Burglary Unit. Tony brings enthusiasm, tenacity, and perseverance to work on a daily basis. His

interrogation and investigative techniques were evident on two 459 cases which cleared (60) other 459s. Tony conducts himself with great professionalism and skill. His 1999 clearance rate is 51%. Tony consistently displays supervisory, investigative and administrative talents. His performance exemplifies the principles of quality and commitment to NE citizens. Det. Tony Stephenson deserves the distinction of Northeast Area's Detective of the Quarter for the first quarter of 1999.

Northeast Softball

Northeast #1 recently completed a very successful central league season by compiling a 9-1 record. Their only loss came in the bottom of the 7th inning to Rampart Division in the 2nd round of league play. Northeast #1 and Rampart finished tied for first place and shared the Central League championship. Northeast #2 finished their disappointing Northern League season in last place. They are looking to possibly redeem themselves in the Red Davis tournament. Red Davis tournament results will appear in the August Blue Line.

Northeast Weightlifting Update

On Friday, June 4th, the Northeast weightlifting team competed in the bench press contest at the academy gym. Officer **Sonia Grace** placed 1st, Officer **Yvonne**



Officer Habib Munoz.

Blanpied placed 2nd, and **Gail Bury** placed 2nd in their respective categories. Officer **Mark Allen** deserves special mention for his 400 lb. lift. Other team members include: **J. J. May, Zimmie Williams, Jose Gomez, Paul Avila, Habib Munoz, Larry Quimbata, and Gary Cusick.**

Bienvenidos

A big welcome to the following personnel on their recent transfer to Northeast Division. We hope you enjoy your stay: Sgt. **G. Martin** (ATD), P-3 **M. Matsuda** (WIL), and P-2 **D. Moore** (WIL).

Adios

Goodbye and good luck to the following personnel who have recently transferred out of Northeast Division: D-I **R. Tompkins** to



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77th All American Division

by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street

Oh My, Oh My, Oh My, it Was Indeed a Day on June 4, 1999

In looking through some of the old editions of our League paper, I do believe there were some doubts conveyed by some Sports Editor that: "The Power Pigs," some referred to as "long-in-the-tooth" (yes we do bite and hard), and others referred to as "not able to move fast enough to elude the rendering truck" (speed was never a factor in this competition, standing our ground and to "remain" standing best describes this Division), and then to top it all off wondered if the 77th Street Power Pigs were still up to the challenge?! The best past quote belongs to the Foothill Detectives' Captain **Ken Garner** who stated in a phone interview: "We're going to kick their porcine butts all over the gym." Well, did June 4, 1999, come and go fast enough for all of you? It goes without saying that Foothill was probably the "best-dressed," but then we expected nothing less from the "Valley Police." So, once again the "77th Street Power Pigs" remain as the "champions" we are! The only packing plant that we intend to see is the one that donates our trophy case! Congratulations to all of you dedicated officers that make this challenge a success. You do all of this training on your own time, since we are too busy a division to allow you to train on duty, and your dedication is the most commendable! We are so very proud of you, and I look forward to writing more and submitting photos of you incredible officers! Lt. **Paul Von Lutzow**, Sir, thank you for believing in us!

A "Shots Fired" Day of Training

During the month of May, this entire Division found themselves once again involved in "live fire" training, something we need more of. And thanks to

using our firearms and the shotgun. In any event, this training was indeed an "eye-opener" for all of us. The highlight of this training was the scenario that Officer **Travis Lynch** made for this day. It was named "The House of Pain," and it involved clearing a location full of armed suspects. What was most appreciated of this scenario was that Officer Lynch not only paid for the supplies for this "house," but he made the scenario. Outstanding job, Travis!

Another highlight was watching my old partner, **Fernando Zuniga** (an instructor), now a P-3+1 loaned to us



There is a new boss in the Paredes house. "Briana Michele Paredes" - she took over command on February 23, 1999. Congrats Officer Andy Paredes and Josie!

from Metro, involve himself in our traditional "shoot-out" at the end of each training day. Earlier in the day Officer **Zuniga** had assisted Officer **Sue Spencer** in her shooting technique. Who would have known that at the end of the day he would be shooting against her for the championship. It was a tough call for me, and I am not going to tell you who I wanted to win. Of course, if you know me, then you know who I was cheering for. Either way, Officer **Zuniga** just barely made it. But that is a compliment to him. He did his job, and now this officer is more efficient, and that is what these training days are all about. (Sorry partner, told you I had to write about this!)

We are Nothing Without Support

Sports are a very important part of 77th Street (ask Foothill). Sometimes we forget who is behind the athlete that brings us home some very prestigious awards. One of our very strong support teams at this division involves itself in



SLO Renee Minnick and her Baker to Vegas dedicated "diehard" support team.

Sgt. **Mike Pytel** and Officer **Frank Montelongo** of our training unit, that is exactly what we were privileged to receive. What was especially appreciated was the real life scenarios that we encounter every day in patrol. We could be handling a 415 party and have shots fired, we could be handling a call of a 415 man with a shotgun, or we could be clearing a location with armed suspects. We had the opportunity to make decisions involving tactics and train in

Baker to Vegas. These group of officers have been led by SLO **Renee Minnick** for many, many years. These officers may not have to train continuously, but when this tedious mission needs to be completed, they are there to ensure that our runners are taken care of in 77th Street fashion. There is no time to sleep. When you are a part of Renee's support team, your day starts at the beginning of the race and ends when the last run-



No pain, no gain... That's how we trained in the "Casa de Lynch" house of pain.

ner crosses the finish line. *The Tradition Continues.* Thanks, Renee!

Quarterly Honors

Congratulations to Det. **James Stoa**, Officer **Cornel Sandoz**, and Clerk Typist **Jacqueline Fowler** for being recognized as employees of the quarter for the months of April through June, 1999.

Daddy's Little Girl

Congratulations to Officer **Rich Coates** and his daughter **Megan Coates**. Megan received a \$1,500 scholarship from our League for her college education. Megan was awarded this scholarship after competing in a League essay contest. Megan will be attending U.C. San Diego, and if she is anything like her "Daddy," she too will be nothing more than a success. Make us proud, Megan!

Just a Simple Prayer

There are many individuals in all of our divisions who need to be remembered in our prayers. And if you do not pray, then those of us who do, will pray for you when we give thanks. Not because we want you to believe as we do, but because we simply believe. For those of you who choose to pray, then I ask you to pray for those officers/detectives and civilians who can use your prayers at this time. Prayer is a mighty thing, and even if you do not call out names, the Creator will know, and He will hear.

"The Lord . . . will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." -Psalm 91: 9-11

Be safe out there . . .

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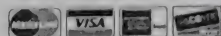


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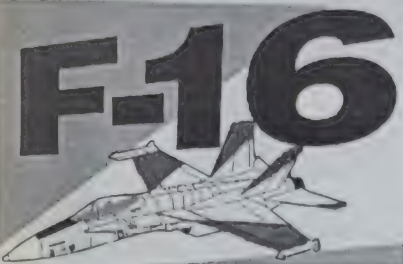
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

I would like to talk to you about the reflection of leadership and mutual respect. On day Lt. **Lehman** asked us to improve our productivity in citation and response time to calls for day watch patrol. After roll call all the officers standing at the kit room didn't complain about the request, all we talked about were the best places to cite violators and the FASTRAC locations. Within three weeks all of day watch officers increased their productivity by 50 percent and surpassed Valley Bureau average. "Great job day watch." For the efforts of these officers' outstanding work, Lt. Lehman and all day watch supervisors organized and paid for a barbecue for all day watch patrol officers. Sgt. **Kuntuzos**, Sgt. **Nichols**, and Lt. **Lehman** did the honors of cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. Chips, potato salads, pies, cookies, and soft drinks were also supplied. All of us on day watch are grateful for great leadership and supervision.

On May 13, 1999, at 2100 hours, Officers **Jeffrey Lamonica**, #33791, and **Phillip Clarke**, #33595, working mid PM watch received information on a female peddling narcotics at Laurel Canyon Blvd. and Saticoy Avenue. Once at the location both officers observed the female to converse with passersby and displayed multicolored balloons. Officers, having training in narcotics, formed the opinion that the female was selling narcotics. While the officers approached the female suspect, she swallowed all the balloons she had in her hand. The officers arrested the female and conducted a search of the female's car and recovered several cellular phones and pagers. The suspect

was transported to the hospital where a doctor induced vomiting. The balloons were recovered intact; there were ten of heroin and four of cocaine. These officers conducted an outstanding investigation, search, and excellent arrest and narcotics seizure, which removed a drug dealer from the streets.

Foothill Detectives

The area Major Assault Crimes is lead by D-3 **Corinne Malinka**, and supported by D-2 **Manfred Hasher**, D-2 **Teresa Roble**, D-1 **Michael Major**, D-1 **Allyn Silberer**, D-1 **Travis** and D-1 **Arce Dominguez**. These fine detectives go out every day and conduct numerous follow-ups, which involve many arrest and search warrants. The efforts of these detectives have decreased the overall crimes in their field by 30 percent. Great job.

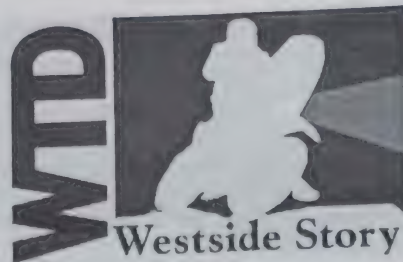
Maternity Ward

Congratulations and God bless to all the new parents. Det. Training P-3 **Edward Wilson**, for his new and fifth daughter, and Lt. I **Michael Brooks**, AM watch, for his new son.

Sports

Well, our softball team finished 2nd with a 7-3 record. The team was led by Sgt. **Phil Smith**, **Brian Pogue**, **Bobby Royal**, **Robert Collier**, **Darrell Davis**, **Ken Schmidt**, **Jeff Lamonica**, **Brian Stothers**, **Jody McGree**, **Sidney Gonzales**, and **Frank Sanchez**. I would like to thank all the players for their time and efforts.

"Team Player": This is a person that comes to every game, rain or shine. He or she may not start all the time or even play, but they are always there to help out any way they can. He or she always gives 110 percent of themselves all the time for the team. He or she never complains, but is always ready to get in the game to give their all for the team. The team player is one of the hardest positions to have, but if you love the sport, it's one of the best. I respect and honor this player on the team. Without this player we would have lost several important games. Thanks, **Sidney (Squiggy)**, **Anna**, and **John** for your effort.



by Roy Langheld
West Traffic Division

Wait a minute! What are you doing writing another article? Well, I know I said goodbye in the last article, but I decided to write one last time. A group of young officers came to me after seeing three of us senior officers displaying six service stripes in a photo in the last article. This rabble-rousing group of 10 young officers, led by **Steve Slin-sky**, has a total of 25 years service. They demanded a photo showing their

with her since she passed the motor cop lobotomy test. Hey, pay attention BCMCs, your pistol ain't gonna work too good with the bullets in backwards.

WTD lost long-time PM Watch Commander, Lt. **Chris West**, to WLA Division. Everyone will miss Chris's war stories and pleasant personality. Good luck, Chris, in your new assignment. Lt. **Doug Miller** is taking his place. WTD was also lucky enough to get Sgt. **Rick Leiphardt** in on the transfer. Welcome aboard, folks.

Rumor has it that former BCMCs **Ken Brady** and **Lyle Hunter** have signed their retirement papers. Supposedly, **Gary Sidell** heard of this and scheduled his meeting with the Pension Board also. Gary is the senior motor cop in the city. It looks like WTD is going to lose a ton of experience when these guys pull the pin. Keep on the lookout for the dates of the retirement



Old Dogs vs. New Breed: Front row (l-r): 122+ total yrs service, Ex-BCMC **Al Ruvalcaba**, Ex-BCMC **Jim Davis**, BCMC **Gary Sidell**, Ex-BCMC **Roy Langheld**. Back row: 25 yrs total service, **Steve Slin-sky**, **Shannon Hajji**, **Clarence Williams**, **Mike McCarthy**, **Doug Panameno**, **James Haslam**, **Ray Owens**, **Dan Jermansen**, **Chris Blankenship** and **Rick Hernandez**.



STD's old DUI Team at Jon Wrich's retirement party (l-r): **Geoff Taylor**, **Steve Foster**, **Jon Wrich**, **Pat Beighley**, **Joe Beck** and **Roy Langheld**.

slick sleeves with some of us old timers. The four senior officers in the photo have a total of 122-1/4 years service, handily beating the young puppies by almost 100 years. Not only that, it is clear that the senior group is far better looking than those youngsters are. Better luck next time, youngsters!

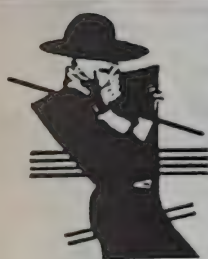
Folks at WTD were wondering if Big City Motor Sergeant **Jackie Boyer** had her mandatory motor cop lobotomy. Well, recently, we learned that apparently she had her lobotomy and it worked fine. Boyer went to qualify on the Combat Range one night. She loaded her magazines and prepared to shoot. She had a jam immediately that she couldn't clear. Apparently she loaded the bullets in her magazine backwards and one of them jammed in the chamber. It took the Range Officers quite a while to clear her weapon. This was a great I.Q. test for a motor cop and her peers now feel more comfortable

parties for these experienced dinosaurs. It should be a blast.

Former WTD BCMC **Jon Wrich** had his retirement party in May, and it was like a reunion. It was good to see retired motor cops like **Joe Beck**, who was Jon's motor partner in STD. Jon has moved out of state and now resides in the state of Florida. He is planning on doing quite a bit of fishing in his spare time.

WTD's AM Watch had a watch party for yours truly. The AM officers presented me with a WTD jacket with a beautiful Wheel, Wings, and Arrow design embroidered into the material. **Jahna Beard** cooked a fine meal for AM Watch. Thanks a lot, guys. Keep it rubber side down for the next 30 years!!

(Editor's note: Good Divisional reporters are hard to come by, and we at The Thin Blue Line hate to see you go, Roy, but good luck. Thanks for your contributions to the TBL.)



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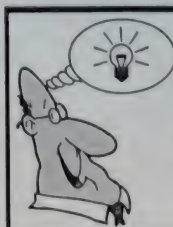
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by Gail Ryan
Newton Division

April was a bad month for robbers in Newton Division. On April 28th, at 2230 hours, PM Watch Officers **H. O'Gara, R. Fuentes, M. Terrazas,** and **R. Rodriguez** responded to a radio call of a "211 suspect there now" at 341 E. 69th Street. The suspect had bragged that he had just robbed the local Ralph's grocery store of \$20,000 using an AK-47. As Terrazas and Rodriguez approached the house on foot, they observed the suspect sitting on the front porch. The suspect saw the officers approaching, grabbed his chair, and went inside the house, locking the door behind him. O'Gara and Fuentes drove one block north of the location and when they arrived mid-block, the suspect, who had attempted to flee out the back door of the residence, noticed the officers and ran in another direction. But he couldn't outrun the law. Additional units were called, and the suspect was captured. Officer O'Gara noted that the suspect matched the description of a suspect in a string of robberies plaguing the area of Broadway between Vernon and Florence and Newton robbery detectives were notified. Thanks to these officers' hard work, another robber was taken off the streets of Newton.

In another robbery call, Officers **K. Callagher** and **T. Stack** responded to a "Street 211, just occurred at 5303 S. Main St." on April 16th, at 2025 hours, in which the property taken was the victim's purse. Officers **R. Banuelos, A. Vallado, C. Wunder,** and **M.**

ered and five more bad guys were taken off the streets.

Then on April 24th, Officers **Spear** and **Marr** responded to a "211 just occurred at Johnson's Liquor, 4345 Long Beach." The suspect had pulled a knife on employees demanding money. The employees locked themselves in the office and called the police. As the angry suspect fled the location, he yelled obscenities and knocked over a food and candy display rack. Additional responding Officers, **Diamond** and **Angulo**, were driving westbound on Vernon at Hooper when they observed a male Hispanic matching the suspect's description walking on the north side of the street. They asked the man to stop. He yelled, "F no" and fled. After a short foot pursuit, the officers caught him. The victims were able to positively ID the suspect, and another robber is removed from the streets of Newton Division.

During this "rash of robberies" time period, Newton CRASH handled 21 "assaults with shots fired" incidents, 16 of which were gang-related, and 8 were drive-by shootings. So it was a big help when patrol officers took robbery suspects and their weapons off the streets.

On the Lighter Side

"Filo" comes to Newton." Newton Detectives has a new addition to PM Watch. He is a relative of "Filo," aka the Great Mouse Detective." Every evening at end of day watch, he can be seen reporting to work as he scurries from desk to desk looking for files or food or whatever. And he puts in long work hours as he doesn't go home until early AM when he disappears under the filing cabinets. All attempts to learn his identity have failed so far much to the dismay of some record clerks who have spotted "Filo" on occasions busily at work.

During the month of May, avid Newton fishermen spent several days at June Lake in search of their limit. Even retired Sgt. **Joe Van Fleet** of Palm Desert braved the cold to join this year's

essay on *The Impeachment of President Clinton*. Thomas, a Los Alamitos High School senior, with over a 4.0 grade average, won \$3,000. He plans to put the money to good use when he goes to college in the fall to major in chemistry. And one of the runners-up was **Shelby Hast**, daughter of retired Newton Sgt. **Paul Hast**. Shelby won \$750 in the essay contest.

A Letter From Bosnia

May, 1999

Dear Newton:

Hello from Bosnia. It's been five months into this little adventure. Only six more to go. The risk factor here is not too bad. Definitely not as high as L.A. It's just like any other day in Newton as far as I'm concerned. The workday here runs from about 12 to 18 hours long, but I get almost all of Sunday off. I am in charge of a four-man tactical team and we typically run missions every weekday. My team is attached to 1st Calvary Division out of Texas. Our



P-3 Mario Mota, Newton Vice Officer at 2nd job as ice cream vendor.

through the towns in combat patrols. We do things differently. We talk to people, go to the shops, drink their "mud-like" coffee, and generally interact with the people. The simplest way for me to describe what we do (that's not classified) is to say that we just try to bring about change. Win their confi-



P-2 Kevin Scott as SSG Kevin Scott.

camp, which is called Camp Demi, is next to a town called Kladanj (if anyone gets curious enough to look at a map).

We're different from the rest of the conventional soldiers on this camp, because we're the only Airborne soldiers. When we first got here, everyone saw us as those guys who wear those funny red berets. Being "Special Operations" with a job title of "Psychological Operations," makes people nervous. We come and go from the camp like ghosts and nobody knows who we are. The people of Bosnia don't know what to make of us either. They see that we are not the regular soldiers who patrol

dence. Win hearts and minds. The picture of me standing next to the wall was taken on the Serbian side of Bosnia, in the town of Vlasenica, an obvious anti-SFOR (Stabilization Force) town. I thought I was going to get away from being hated for just wearing a uniform. The picture of my team was taken near the town of Vares. This town is in the Muslim side of Bosnia and is very pro-SFOR (kind of like working in the Valley).

Everyone be safe, and I'll be back.

SSG Kevin Scott (aka P-2 Kevin Scott, #31774, of Newton PMs)

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May June Lake fishing trip - Sgt. Larry Wehage, Sgt. Paul McConnell, D-3 Maria Rivas, Sgt. Bill Eaton, P-3 Larry Johnson, Retired Sgt. Joe Van Fleet and P-3 Tom Blair.

Hamer, after hearing the crime broadcast on the robbery, observed three females matching the suspect description at 54th and Main Street. The three females were detained for a field show-up. The two victims positively ID'd all three females, and off to jail they went.

During the early morning hours of April 13th, "36 Street" gang members, armed with a .223 semi-auto Ruger mini-14, committed a series of vehicle thefts in both Newton and 77th Street Division. The suspects were observed by Air 70 stealing yet another car in the vicinity of 55th and Main Street when the five suspects panicked and fled. Sgt. **R. Snedden** established a command post, and K-9 units were summoned. While awaiting their arrival, it was learned that the suspects had assaulted a victim with a rifle and forced him to push a stolen vehicle onto the street. A thorough search of the area was conducted. All five suspects were located and positively identified by the witnesses/victim. The weapon was recovered

to the High Sierras, along with active officers Sgt. **Larry Wehage**, Sgt. **Paul McConnell**, Sgt. **Bill Eaton**, P-3 **Larry Johnson**, P-3 **Tom Blair**, and Det. **Maria Rivas**, to limit out on trout.

On May 8th, Newton CRASH officers participated in the Los Angeles Police Memorial Run held at Dockweiler State Beach. They placed fourth in the mixed category. This event was held to honor the Los Angeles Police Officers who in the line of duty gave the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of Los Angeles—their lives. Those Newton CRASH officers who participated were **Lisa Duran, Diane Salcido, J. Valencia, P. Torres, J. Villa, R. Yang, M. Fairchild, R. Arciniaga, D. Castenada, M. Lange, C. Brining, K. Aragon, T. Rios, E. Day,** and **S. Yamada**. Congratulations to all of you.

And finally, congratulations to Thomas Zamora, son of Newton Homicide Det. **Antonio Zamora**, for placing 1st in the League's 1999 Scholarship Awards Essay contest for his winning

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Howdy, greetings from the hub. Happy summer! Time for tan t-shirts at Angeles and the Venice beach detail is in full swing. Here is the latest from Fort Davis, 2nd floor, south hall, west side.

In

New to the MOS lineup are Transit Aide **Vicky Castro** and Management Assistant **Rita Quebral**. Rita has taken over the car czar position and Vicky joins **John** and **Tanya** on the FAS-TRAC crew. Welcome!

Out

Congratulations to the former 10G, **Billy Hayes**. Lt. Hayes' new home is Newton Division. Moving up and out as well, congrats to **Dino Duran**. Dino is adding a chevron to his sleeve and going over to Southwest Division as a Sergeant I. Adios to Officer **Gary Newton**. Gary traded in his cruiser for a blk/wht with a dog and a drive to LAX as a new K9 handler of the Bomb Squad Airport Detail. Best of luck to you, gentlemen.

Platoon Movement

Congratulations to the newest Metro Calvary members, **Ben "Hoss" Lopez**,

Rich Elrich, and **Kelli Shurian**. I would like to extend a belated welcome aboard to Animal Care Technician **Tina Oleson**. For quite some time, Tina was on loan to the barn from Training Division. Recently, it came to my attention that Tina is officially assigned to the home of Metro's calvary. Shutting the barn door on his way out is **Mark Richardson**. The new D team element member is trading in the horse trailer for the SWAT truck. Congrats, Mark.

Maternity Ward

Congratulations to **Saul Diaz** (A-pltn) and wife, Michelle, on the birth of their baby boy, Zecharia. The little one was added to the Diaz lineup on May 16th weighing in at 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and 19 inches long. Zecharia joins big sister Jasmine and big brother Jacob. Congrats, prayers and well wishes out to the Fairbanks family. McKenzie Glenn Fairbanks was born to Mommy Monica (20-girl) and Dad Kemp (Training Division) on May 22nd. Not due to arrive until the end of August, McKenzie entered this world on the wings of an angel weighing just 1.5 pounds. Each new day is full of obstacles for the precious little one and her unwavering spirit has been obvious from day one. Although her prognosis is positive and consistent, it is a day-to-day vigil. McKenzie is expected to be hospitalized through September. The Fairbanks family would appreciate a steady blood donor for McKenzie, however, all donations are welcome. AB+ or O- donors are requested, preferably AB+. Premature babies particularly benefit from donors whose blood does not contain the DH factor. Donors can contact the Whittier Presbyterian

Hospital Blood bank @ 562-698-0811, ext. 2254.

BLEIB

Congratulations to K9 Handlers **Brian O'Hara**, **Jim Hagerty** (B-pltn) and **Mark Tico**. The trio were recently honored for their tenure within the unit at the annual K9 dinner. A ten-year pin was presented to Brian, Jim and Mark were awarded 5-year pins.

From the Sports Desk

On May 22nd, a few of Metro's gladiators literally stepped up to the challenge. **Rich Rakitis**, **Jimmie Barlow**, and **Lee McMillion** ascended into Grand Canyon National Park for the "Rim to Tim to Rim," Grand Canyon 50. The distance of this unofficial event is 50 miles with approximately 22,000 ft. of elevation change. No, ladies and gentlemen, that is not a typographical error you just read. In addition to the distance and terrain of this adventure, weather variances can be extreme. Rich, Jimmie and Lee displayed superior endurance and stamina completing the event in less than 24 hours with minor wear and tear.

Meanwhile, back on the coast of California, the 3rd "Tough as Nails" run was held on June 6 in Malibu. The 11.4 mile

trail run is a challenging and scenic all-natural obstacle course, sponsored by LAPRAAC. Fifty runners competed in the event, with 49 finishing. Metro personnel finishing well amongst the competition included **Gary Koba**, #2 overall; **Tom Chinappi**, #3 overall and 1st in the male 30-34 age group; **Chuck Buttitta**, #6 overall and 1st in the male 40-44 age group; **Ed Prokop**, #1 Heavyweight, #8 overall; **Phil Mele**, 1st in the male 55-59 age group, 31st overall. Additional Metro competitors included **Danny Thompson**, **Tony "Chip" Samuelson**, **Chris Collier**, **Bob Donaldson**, **Chris Yzaguirre**, **Marcelo Raffi**, **Phil Shattuck** (race creator/director), **Rafael Hechavarria**, **Jon Darrah**, **Pat Shannon**, and **Izzy Gutierrez**.

Last Few Details...

Get well soon **Randy "Suave" Rico**. This place is not the same without you! Happy birthday wishes to 20girl, 61A, 62D, 72D, and the former 44D, K9-2, my favorite former element leader with a SAG card, and my fav SWAT OIC.

R-10girl, clear.

TOUGH AS NAILS TRAIL 11.4 Mile Endurance Race (Hilly, Rocky Trails and Jeep Roads) Malibu, CA

June 6, 1999, Results

	Assignment	Category	Time
1. Delgado, Rudolf, 35	Anaheim PD	1st 35-40	1:23:53
2. Koba, Gary, 36	LAPD Metro		1:28:12
3. Chinappi, Tom, 32	LAPD Metro		1:22:24
4. Bert, Jeff, 29	LAPD Fthl	1st 25-29	1:35:14
5. Readyhoff, Darrell, 24	CA State Park	1st 20-24	1:35:54
6. Buttitta, Chuck, 43	LAPD Metro	1st 40-44	1:41:37
7. Castro, Victor, 33	LAPD Narco		1:42:31
8. Prokop, Edward, 28*	LAPD Metro		1:46:33
9. McCarthy, Jim, 31	LAPD		1:46:44
10. Thompson, Dan, 31	LAPD		1:47:27
11. Samuelson, Tony, 28	LAPD		1:48:35
12. Collier, Malcom, 34*	LAPD		1:48:36
13. Kelley, John, 45*	Anaheim		1:52:36
14. Mederos, Carmen, 30	LAPD		1:53:41
15. Aloma, Sergio, 32	LASD		1:54:05
16. Carpenter, Julie, 35	LAPD Fthl	1st 35-39	1:54:08
17. Donaldson, Robert, 46	LAPD Metro		1:56:22
18. Yzaguirre, Chris, 33	LAPD Metro		1:56:22
19. Cohen, Shawn, 35	LASD WHD		1:57:19
20. Gallardo Mirza, 32	LAPD Acad		1:57:31
21. Elliott, Bert, 66	Nat. Park	1st 65-70	2:02:05
22. Robinson, Danny, 33	LASD Mira Loma		2:02:24
23. Wert, Jerrold, 32*	LAPD Fthl		2:03:16
24. Santaella, Lou, 37	Anaheim PD		2:03:50
25. Suzuki, Craig, 28	LAPD Narco		2:03:51
26. Gavin, Carol, 34	LAPD Vice		2:04:27
27. Carlisle, Sandra, 39	LAPD Trng		2:04:39
28. Jimenez, Michael, 34*	LASD		2:05:24
29. Bennett, Catherine, 29	LASD	1st 25-29	2:05:44
30. Buhrmester, Wes, 41*	LAPD Fthl		2:07:00
31. Mele, Phil, 58	LAPD Metro	1st 55-59	2:09:01
32. Garcia, Irma, 30	LAPD SW		2:09:18
33. Bennett, Brian, 34	LASD		2:11:14
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35. Shattuck, Phil, 55*	LAPD Metro		2:14:03
36. Hechavarria, Rafael, 32	LAPD Metro		2:17:07
37. Cantrell, Michael, 44	Bakersfield PD		2:25:25
38. Blankenship, Sherri, 30	LAPD Nhwd		2:27:49
39. O'Connor, Joe, 34**	LASD	1st Super Hwywt	2:28:37
40. Darrah, Jon, 37**	LAPD Metro		2:33:11
41. Garza, John, 35**	Bakersfield PD		2:35:16
42. Shannon, Pat, 43*	LAPD Metro		2:45:54
43. Monarek, Jhn, 31*	LAPD Wil		2:48:10
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B.A.D. News

by Lou Koven
Burglary Auto Theft Division

In-N-Out-N-Up

Well, it's always good news when somebody within gets promoted. This month we announce the promotion of **Reginald Jackson**, who was promoted to Det.-III. Reggie is currently assigned as the Captains' Adjutant and his new assignment is pending.

BAD welcomes in **Sabrina Hilliard** from Legal Affairs. She will be part of the administrative office staff. Also coming into BAD and assigned to TRAP is Det.-I **Bruce Oakley**, who is coming from West L.A. Detectives.

Baker to Vegas

Although BAD does not have their own running team, detectives at BAD are not deterred from participating in this annual athletic event. BAD Detectives' **Jim Becker**, **Yvette Moreno** and



Heather Arnold put their best foot forward and ran with the RHD 800 Team.

Get Well Wishes

Det.-III **Jim Battle** is at home recuperating from a severe back injury. Jim injured himself at work and upon examination by his physician a more serious problem developed. Jim is receiving treatment for his injury and hopefully will be up and around soon.

BAD Barbecue

Special thanks to the following BAD people for the BAD Barbecue that was put on to raise funds for the poor, depleted station fund: **Armando Romero**, CBO (Chief Barbecue Officer), **Yvette Moreno**, **Cleo Guevara**, **Reggie Jackson**, Lts. **Al Corella** and **Faryl Fletcher**, **Frank Martinez**, **Gil Escontrias**, **Jon Thorne** (LASO-TRAP).



Recent Retirements

Three of BAD's finest have recently retired. Det.-III **Charles "Dave" Anderson**, #14517; Det.-IIs **Bob Pixler**,

#15475, and **Sherry Santor**, #15401. I will have more detail on Dave and Bob in a later article.

Sherry Santor joined the LAPD as a Policewoman on August 11, 1969. After graduating the police academy in January of 1970, Sherry was transferred to Rampart Division. In July of 1970, Sherry



transferred to Valley Services Division and worked the Van Nuys Jail. It was during this assignment that Sherry met and married her husband, retired Lt. **Al Santor**, who was a Watch Commander at Van Nuys Division. In January of 1973, Sherry transferred to West L.A. Division and worked a variety of assignments. Sherry transferred to North Hollywood Division in April of 1974. Sherry received numerous commendations for her work with the Explorer program, the "Lady Beware" and "Policewoman Jill" presentations. These presentations were while she was assigned to the Community Relations Office and were crime prevention programs designed to raise public awareness. In 1975, Sherry was loaned to a detective assignment and was also chosen as "Outstanding Officer of the Year" for North Hollywood Division.

In July of 1977, Sherry transferred to Van Nuys Division. Sherry worked a variety of assignments and continued to

get numerous commendations from the public for her work. In October of 1978, Sherry was assigned to the Van Nuys Burglary Task Force, which was established in an effort to stem the rapidly rising problem. Sherry also worked Van Nuys Detectives in the Investigative Control Unit, which was an important administrative position within detectives. In 1981 Sherry was again honored as "Officer of the Year," but this time at Van Nuys Division. In 1982, Sherry completed Academy Training and became field certified as a Police Officer and remained assigned to Van Nuys Field Services Division. In late 1982, Sherry was promoted to Police Officer III and returned to detectives, increasing her experience by working the different investigative assignments. In July of 1985, Sherry was promoted to Det.-I and remained in Van Nuys Detectives. By March of 1988 she was promoted to Det.-II and assigned to the homicide unit. Sherry also worked burglary while at Van Nuys. Several times Sherry was the acting OIC of the section she was working and was recommended for a Det.-III position. In February of 1994, Sherry transferred to Burglary-Auto Theft Division, Burglary Special Section and later the Pawnshop Section. Sherry worked at BAD until she retired, August 30, 1998.

A retirement party was held for Sherry Santor at Primavera Restaurant in Los Angeles on June 3, 1999. Over fifty of Sherry's friends and long-time workmates turned out to see her into retirement. Sherry, best of luck and enjoy your retirement with husband, Al.

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday wishes to go the following BAD Buds: **Jim Becker**, 6/1; **Reggie Jackson**, 6/6; **Jennifer Sneed**, 6/3; **Emma Ramirez**, 6/4; **Karalynn Clifford**, 6/6; **Bob Binder**, 7/9; **Pete (Mr. TRAP) Wilson**, 7/23; and **Mason Burroughs**, 7/29.

Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

Crime Spree Stopped

From October, 1998 until April, 1999, a lone suspect later identified as **Jelani E. King** terrorized the Westside communities of Venice, Palms, Westwood, and the city of Santa Monica. King's crime spree included rapes, beatings, and burglaries. This predator's actions paralyzed the entire area with fear and apprehension, as the perception of personal safety declined. As King's reign of terror grew, an

Pacific Area, OWB, and Metropolitan Division also deserve credit. Special mention should be made to the members of the Pacific Special Problems Unit, CRASH, Vice, and Detectives who worked on scheduled days off to provide the Pacific community with protection. Many officers assigned to Pacific Patrol put in extra hours to capture King, standing on perimeters or staffing crime scene command posts. Each watch designed a game plan specific to the serial rapist, and it was evident that there was "FOCUS" on this crime wave. A true unified effort was put forth in this case, culminating in King's arrest on April 12, 1999. A job well done for all those involved! (Special thanks to Det. **Kurt Wachter** for this article.)

Divisional Inspection

We recently had a divisional inspection held at the Elysian Park Academy. To break up the day a little bit, we had a barbecue with hot links and chicken, feeding about 250 people. Everyone passed the inspection with flying colors,

Pacific Explorers Take Third

Pacific Area Explorers recently competed in the "Colorado River Explorer Competition" which is the largest explorer competition in the United States. It was held in Needles, CA, with 82 different teams (approximately 1,500 explorers) from the western region of the



Pacific Area Explorers take third place in law enforcement competition.

United States participating. This competition has the explorers doing a variety of law enforcement type situation simulations (felony traffic stops, building searches, marijuana fields, DUI stops, drill, obstacle course, etc.). With only two returning explorers from last year, and nine "rookies," our explorers came in third place. Officer **Ron Harrell**, who supervises the Explorer Program, stated that they worked very hard preparing for this event, and he was very pleased that the team brought home the third place trophy. Congratula-

tions to the explorers, and with nine returning next year, will we possibly be looking at a first place trophy?

Movin' Out

We say goodbye to the following people leaving Pacific Area: Lt. **Menza**, who is off to HWD, Sgt. **Lovitt**, who is headed to SW, Officer **Ochoa**, who is going to

77th, Officer **Taylor**, who is leaving us for DARE, and Officer **Melton** and **Chrispens**, who both are headed to SE. Good luck with your new assignments!

Movin' In

We welcome the following people here to Pacific Area: Lt. **Hart** in from WLA, Sgt. **Berg** coming back to us from HARB, Officer **White** in from ATD, Officer **Sysak** in from HARB, Officer **Maxwell** over from HWD, Officer **Reyes** in from RAMP, Officers **McNamee** and **Odom** in from SE, Officer **Pate** over from TD, and Officers **Hassien** and **Kim** in from TD-REC. We look forward to meeting you all!



Pacific Area personnel (the one time vice actually stands out).

inter-agency task force was formed to identify the suspect and effect an arrest. Although there was public recognition for the task force, personnel assigned to

and enjoyed the food immensely. It turned out to be a "not so bad day" after all. (M.S., did you ever find your cap?)

very hard preparing for this event, and he was very pleased that the team brought home the third place trophy. Congratula-

SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

Biathlon Rescheduled

Due to scheduling conflicts, the first-ever Intra-Departmental Biathlon originally set for June 5 has been postponed. (For the uninitiated, a biathlon consists of a one-mile run, 12 rounds at the Range, another one-mile run, another 12 rounds, and the final one-mile run.) For more information on when the event will be held, contact Helen Papietro at Rampart, (213) 485-4062, or via pager at (714) 506-4527.

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Summer Open Swimming at the Academy

Through Labor Day LAPRAAC will provide a lifeguard for the Elysian Park Academy pool between 0900-1700 Monday through Friday. All LAPD personnel, sworn and civilian, are welcome to avail themselves of this open swimming time for their families during the summer season.

No use of the pool after those hours is allowed without a certified lifeguard on duty. To arrange after-hours use and get more information on lifeguard fees, contact Athletic Department Secretary Debbie Moeller at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

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California Police Summer Games

By the time this issue reaches your mailbox the 33rd Annual California Police Summer Games will be history. Held June 20-26 at venues in Pasadena and environs, approximately 500 of LAPD's finest make the trek up the Arroyo Seco to participate in what has become one of the premier police athletic events in the nation.

Co-founded in 1966 by Bob Burke, the legendary former LAPD Athletic Director, thousands of the best athletes California law enforcement has to offer descended upon the Rose City to compete in over 50 sports, ranging from billiards to track, softball to water polo, and pistol to arm-wrestling.

As always the Protective League will provide extensive coverage, including individual results and photographs, in the August issue of *The Thin Blue Line*.

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Date Set for Sports Awards Dinner

Doesn't seem possible but the Sports Awards Dinner is only four months away! Friday evening, November 19, has been set as the date for the 45th edition of this LAPD tradition. Those interested in serving on the committee to plan the last Sports Awards Dinner of the millen-

nium should contact Athletic Department Secretary Debbie Moeller at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

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Get Well, Kenny!

Everyone involved with LAPD/LAPRAAC athletics over the last 50 years knows the warm smile of Kenny Tanaguchi. If there's an LAPD athletic event going on somewhere, Kenny has been there, volunteering his efforts wherever needed.

Kenny's achievements with LAPRAAC (Stein Award, twice Citizen of the Year, Citizen of the Decade 1980-89), in the Japanese American community, and his 40 years on the Los Angeles

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, to name just a few, are legendary and have touched untold thousands over his 76 years. At the last Sports Awards Dinner the LAPRAAC Citizen of the Year Award was renamed in his honor.

Kenny has run into some health problems that are keeping him away from his love of the last half century. While he is currently home recuperating from a recent illness, your cards and letters will help keep his association with LAPD athletics alive during his recovery period.

Please send your get well wishes to Kenny Tanaguchi, c/o LAPRAAC Administrative Office, P.O. Box 861148, Los Angeles, CA 90086-1148.

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THE TEN RING

By Rick Bennett

Spring has brought us a new pistol season and some new shooters to the 1998 World Championship LAPD Pistol Team. First up this year was a dual match hosted by the Riverside Sheriff's Department on April 16, followed by one hosted by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department on May 1.

This year team members will compete in 18 state matches, the California Police Summer Games, and the National Police Shooting Championships held in Jackson, Mississippi.

Riverside Sheriff/Sheriff Reserve Match

Individual Results

Rick Bennett	1495x107-2nd	1488x99
Don Tsunawaki	1485x96	1485x87
Lou Salseda	1485x88	1491x99-3rd
Bob Barnes	1463x94	1489x99
Steve Embrich	1436x62	1451x66
Neil Goldberg	1482x90	1479x83
Lisa Wernli	1454x44	1456x40

Team Results

Bennett, Salseda, Barnes, Tsunawaki	2385x169-1st	2382x155-1st
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Los Angeles Sheriff/Sheriff Reserve Match

Individual Results

Rick Bennett	1491x97-4th	B/O gun-DNF
Don Tsunawaki	1486x94	1483x93
Bob Barnes	1485x89	1480x88
Lou Salseda	1482x99	1487x96
Neil Goldberg (Master)	1481x60-3rd	1488x85-1st
Lisa Wernli	1459x64	1460x59
Tom Mace (Sharpshooter)	1462x75-1st	1382x57
Steve Embrich	DNF	1447x57

Team Results

Bennett, Salseda, Barnes, Tsunawaki	2373x155-2nd	2367x149-2nd
Shumway, Goldberg, Wernli, Embrich	2358x121-5th	2349x115-3rd

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power Pigs Slam Foothill into the Slop; Win 7th Straight Bench Press Match

by Lew Snow

According to Foothill Det. Capt. Ken Garner it was going to be a knock-down, drag-out, steel-cage grudge match battle to the death. "We're gonna kick their butts," he stated in a *Thin Blue Line* article earlier this year.

Thrice this spring he traveled down to a 77th Street roll call to taunt the Power Pigs: "We're gonna float like a butterfly, sting like a bee, and when the dust clears, the new kings we'll be."

Agony and the Ecstasy -

Lifters at the Spring Bench Press Competition give it their all, and then some, in pursuit of their personal bests and points for their respective teams.



photos courtesy of Lew Snow



Onward to the Elysian Park Academy they marched on Friday, June 4, decked in crisp new dark blue "Foothill Bench Press" t-shirts, having earlier dusted out the display case in the station lobby in anticipation of bringing home a new trophy at the end of the day.

When the dust cleared they resembled kings all right... not the royalty-type but the infamous motorist-type. The "big bad wolf" huffed, and puffed, but couldn't blow down the Power Pigs' house as 77th Street humbled Foothill to win a record seventh straight bench press competition.

"Foothill jumped ahead and he (Garner) was all over me: 'it's over, it's over,'" said Lt. Paul von Lutzow, head Power Pig who has coached teams to 14 victories this decade (including six with Rampart). "They looked good but as Yogi Berra once said, 'It ain't over 'til it's over.'"

"They had a lot of older guys (Foothill controlled the men age 40-49 and 50-59 groups) but had no balance. We held even among the women and our young guys just ate 'em up for breakfast."

The competition was dominated by 77th Street (260 points), Foothill (194), and a surprisingly strong showing by Pacific (158). No other team broke the century mark. Over one in every five of the 250 lifters was female, continuing the upward trend of the past few com-

sion Kristin Kolenda (97 to 105-3/4 lb. group), Lisa Wernli (132-1/4 to 148-1/2 lb. rank) and Andrea Grossman (198-1/4 to 220-1/4 lb. category); in the age 40-49 group Gloria Vargas (198-1/4 to 220-1/4 lb. class) and Debbie Gourman (220-1/4 to 242-1/2 lb. rank), and Charlotte Smith extended her record in the age 50-59, 148-1/2 to 165 lb. classification.

In the age 30-39 category two Foothill lifters set new records: Sharon Biggs in the 165-1/4 to 181-3/4 lb. group and Dena Kendrick in the 181-3/4 to 198-1/4 lb. class. Also entering the record books was Pacific's Lynn

hortations and cheers of fellow competitors.

"I don't know who was on patrol because it seemed everyone was down here," said von Lutzow, commenting on Garner's successful effort to rally the troops to support Foothill's efforts. "But it turns out Kenny was my best recruiter as well."

With the last bench press competition of the millennium set for Friday, October 29, will *anyone* be able to stop the Power Pigs' march into history? Rumor has it Garner's last words at the end of the match were, in his best Arnold Schwarzenegger imitation, "I'll be



Hunter in the age 50-59, 165-1/4 to 181-3/4 lb. division.

The record number of lifters participating also brought a record number of spectators to the spring meet, resulting in an Academy Gym that was abuzz with activity and echoed with the ex-

back." Stay tuned...

Team Results

77th Street - 260 pts.; Foothill - 194 pts.; Pacific - 158 pts.; Devonshire - 77 pts.; Southwest - 66 pts.

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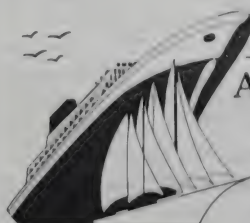
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petitions. Both 77th and Foothill had so many participants that they had to break into #1 and #2 teams.

A number of lifters repeated in their categories this time around and 14 new records were either matched or set (10 in the women's categories). Male record breakers included Pacific's Barry Brooks (who extended his own mark in the age 30-39, 242-1/2 to 275-1/4 lb. ranking by 30 lbs.), Harbor's Herbert Chang (age 40-49, 132-1/4 to 148-1/2 lb. category), and in the age 60+ group retirees Sam Colella (who improved by an astounding 145 lbs. the best in the 198-1/4 to 220-1/4 lb. rank) and Rex Shields (who extended his own mark by 80 lbs. in the 242-1/2 to 275-1/4 lb. category).

Seven of the ten records on the women's side were set by Power Pigs: in the age 20-29 division Erika Spence (beating the 181-3/4 to 198-1/4 lb. record by 60 lbs.); in the age 30-39 divi-

SPORTS BEAT

Final Intra-Departmental Slo-Pitch Standings

	W	L	PCT	GB				
CENTRAL LEAGUE								
Rampart	7	2	.778	--	Southwest	6	2	.750 1-1/2
Northeast #1	7	2	.778	--	77th Street	5	3	.625 2-1/2
Newton	5	4	.556	2	S. Bureau	4	3	.571 3
Metro	4	5	.444	3	Homicide	4	5	.444 4
Transit Group	3	6	.333	4	Pacific	3	6	.333 5
Hollywood	1	8	.111	6	West Traffic	2	7	.222 6
					OSB CRASH	0	8	.000 7-1/2
					South Traffic			
NORTH LEAGUE								
Central	5	1	.833	--	VALLEY LEAGUE			
Hollenbeck	4	2	.667	1	West Valley	7	1	.875 --
Detective Svcs	3	3	.500	2	Foothill	5	3	.625 2
Northeast #2	0	6	.000	5	Van Nuys	3	5	.375 4
					Devonshire	2	6	.250 5
SOUTH LEAGUE								
Southeast	8	1	.889	--	West Los Angeles	2	6	.250 5
Harbor	6	2	.750	1-1/2				

Metro Juggernaut Dominates 21st Annual Memorial Run

by Lew Snow,
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

Ending the millennium with a flourish Metro runners, fresh off another baker to Vegas victory, dominated the 21st Annual Memorial Run and Relay, held May 8 at Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey.

Sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, the Memorial Run recognizes officers who sacrificed their lives to protect the citizens of Los Angeles. Conceived back in the days of Chief Ed Davis and Athletic Director Bob Burke, over one thousand runners took to the beach on a sunny Saturday morning to honor the memory of Filbert Cuesta (Southwest) and Brian Brown (Pacific), who gave their lives in the line of duty in late 1998.

Even more dominant than last year, Metro captured first place in five of the seven categories in which the division entered teams. In the all-important Open Division Metro teams finished in three of the top five slots, with two of every five teams from Metro (Devonshire came in second, nearly five minutes behind the front-runners). The "Fleet Elite" also won the Seniors, Masters, Supervisors/Detectives, and Heavyweight Divisions. They also placed eight of the top ten teams in the Heavyweight Division... including the SWAT Hogs, who returned to the winner's circle for the ninth time this decade (36 seconds ahead of another Metro team).

In the Mixed Division the top three times finished within 85 seconds of one another, with DARE coming out on top of West Valley and South Traffic. Among the Golden Masters teams the "Old Blue," last year's bridesmaid, shaved three minutes off its 1998 time to easily win the division. The closest race was in the Supervisors/Detectives Division, where Metro eked out a win over OHB/RHD by a mere 15 seconds.

The Female Division was also close with the top three teams within 49 seconds of one another. Pacific crossed the finish line a scant 18 seconds ahead of Northeast for the victory. There were two new divisions this year: in the CRASH Division 77th Street handily finished head of second place Foothill; and Communications won the Invitational Division for civilian teams.

Fastest runner of the day was Jeff Burt, who cracked the 18 minute mark to finish the 5K in 17:24. It assuredly was a good day for running as 15 participants crossed the line in under 20 minutes, including four runners over the age of 40!

While no individual runner repeated last year's success in the same category Thurston Bechtel entered the record books becoming the very first individual, as far as can be determined, to win in separate categories in consecutive years (1998 in the age 40-49 group and 1999 in the age 50-59 group). He has also won his category three years running, also a record. In three other interesting finishes, the bridesmaids in three categories last year made it to the top in 1999: Erik Jones in the age 13-15 group, Kathy Weigel (age 30-39 group) and Jeff Freyermuth (age 40-49 group). Jones improved on his 1998 time by over two-and-one-half minutes!

Following the 5K (but prior to the 25K relay) the traditional memorial ceremony (emceed by Captain Rich Wemmer) was held to honor Cuesta, Brown, and the scores who had made the same sacrifice in the 130-year history of the department. Included was an open-man Air Support fly-by, the LAPD color guard, a spine-chilling single-trumpet rendition of "taps," and remarks from Chief Bernard Parks.

Runners and their families were treated to SWAT, LAFD, K9, and Mounted Unit displays, as well as games (including a bigger Moonbounce) for the kiddies and a Carl's Jr. lunch (underwritten by a generous contribution from the Los Angeles Police Protective League). A portion of the proceeds from the race was donated by LAPRAAC to the Family Support Group, which provides aid to the families of officers injured or killed in the line of duty.

Kudos to Coordinators Rick Massa and Debbie Myers-Moeller for another great race, with special recognition to Air Support's Jack Brandt, who stepped in late in the game to take charge, pull out all the stops, and make the event a success.

Thanks also go to the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union for its volunteer help and the donation of a \$500 certificate of deposit for the drawing, and to long-time LAPD supporter Kenny Taniguchi for his generous donation of a mountain bike for the drawing.

Claybusters Reign Supreme at Pachmayr Shootout

by Jimmy L. Trahin

For the eighth year the LAPD Trap and Skeet Club hosted the annual Pachmayr Police/Fire Clay Target Invitational held at Pachmayr International Shooting Park in El Monte. The competition, held May 7-8, was fierce and included 10 five-member teams who tested their skills at 16 and 21 yard trap, trap doubles, continental trap, skeet, and five-stand sporting clays.

skeet. Individual winners were even more impressive, led by National Skeet Champion Herkowitz and Nocket's perfect scores in skeet (100x100) to take the gold and silver medals.

Elliott took home the silver in the 16 yard trap while Allen and Weddle captured the gold and bronze, respectively, in 21 yard trap. Doubles was secured by Weddle with the silver and John Herrick with the bronze. The cream came flowing to the top when the coveted High Overall



Photo courtesy of Bunso Trahin
Gold Medal Winners - (standing from left) Vic Elliott, Paul Sorrell, Dave Herrick, Ross Weddle, Tom Hartkopf, Walt Alle and Joe Clary; (kneeling, from left) Jimmy Trahin, Jeff Nocket, John Herkowitz and Bill Page.

When the smoke finally cleared the shotgun barrels at the end of the second day it was all LAPD with mega-medals (mostly gold) reflecting brightly in the afternoon sun. Participating in the Pachmayr Invitational were Walt Allen, Don Bray, "Jurassic" Joe Clary, D. Corwin, Vic Elliott, Tom Hartkopf, Annie "Oakley" Hennessey, John Herkowitz, Dave Herrick, John Herrick, Jeff Nocket, Bill Page, Cary Shore, Paul Sorrell, Jimmy Trahin and Ross Weddle.

Our teams harvested 90 percent of the medals including gold and silver in the 16 yard trap, gold and bronze in the 21 yard trap, gold in trap doubles, and gold in

Shooter awards were announced: who else but Herkowitz (gold) and Weddle (silver).

Special thanks go to those individuals who donated time and energy to make the shoot a huge success. Joe and Bill Page, Joe D'Anjou, Anita and Don Page, and Judy "Bunso" Trahin.

The Trap and Skeet Club is gearing up for the upcoming California and Nevada games this summer. We're always looking to expand the team, so give Jimmy Trahin a call at (562) 698-2674 for more information. Remember, if you love your shotgun, it will love you!

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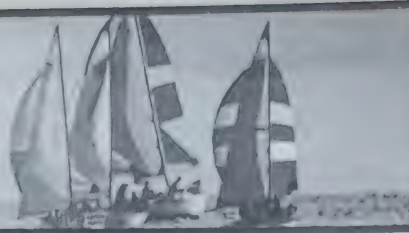
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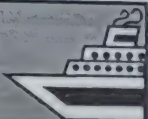


RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Retirement Corner



July, 1999

Rank/Name/Serial No./Last Assigned To.....	#Years
LT-II Ronald E. Brown 11718 DSD.....	33
D-III Robert A. Nelson 12355 DSD.....	33
P-III Philip D. Shattuck 13153 Metro.....	32
D-II Steven Haberfield 13223 Harbor.....	32
P-II+2 Gary Sidell 13689 WTD.....	31
SGT-II James H. Davis 14365 WTD.....	31
D-I Donald L. Bailey 14751 OVB.....	30
SGT-II Roy T. Langheld 15203 WTD.....	30
D-II Dale O. Turnley, Sr. 15393 Bunco Forgery.....	30
D-III Mike Brown 15435 Narcotics.....	29
P-III-1 Elvin "Rich" Durup 15694 Chief's Office.....	28
P-III Ronald P. Glover 16037 DARE.....	29
D-II Michael R. Houchen 16195 Foothill.....	28
D-II Lawrence J. Queen 16372 Foothill.....	28
D-III Susumu "Sam" Masuda 16445 DSD.....	28
D-III Jose F. Najera 16825 RHD.....	28
P-III Carl D. Helm 17303 VTD.....	27
D-III Edmond Auerbach 17496 Narcotics.....	27
P-II Abel A. Caron 17734 DARE.....	27
D-II Edward J. Heissel 17952 Devonshire.....	26
SGT-I Mark S. Abrams 20456 Rampart.....	26
D-II David Lambert 20785 Narcotics.....	25
SGT-I Kerell "K.B." Broussard 22109 Van Nuys.....	21

23 of L.A.'s finest for a total of 627 years of service. ♦

The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

Focus on the Fuzz

Our focus guy this month is dependable, reliable **Fred Tuggey**, #13164. I say that because I had the pleasure of working with Fred at West Valley Division for several years and know that LAPD really got its money's worth when they swore him in. When something needed to be done the right way, Tuggey was our man. Good reputations do that, you know.

Fred was born in Massachusetts and came out west to the Phoenix area as a young man of 18 years. He took up the carpenter's trade, which would pay dividends for him later down the line. When work became slow, Fred, who always had an interest in police work, joined the Department in January, 1967. Fred was a 100 percent patrol type guy who worked Central, Wilshire and West Valley until his retirement as a sergeant in February, 1992.

Fred and his lovely wife, Sharline, of 39 years, raised two children, Richard, who lives in the Seattle area, and Rhonda, who resides in Vancouver, Washington. Fred and Sharline have been blessed with a 17-month-old granddaughter, Sara.

Fred's carpenter skills paid off when he built a beautiful home in Agoura during his off-duty hours and continued doing restoration and carpenter work after retirement. Other than Sharline, Fred's true love is golf. He is a member of the L.A. Valley Golf Association and regularly plays at their events. I can personally attest, with true humility, that he is excellent at the game.

Fred and Sharline recently moved up to Grover Beach where they are actively involved in designing a new home, soon to be built on the Mesa area of Arroyo Grande.

Fred's advice to retirees: "Keep active and stay healthy." Take care. Catch us at E-mail fuzzthatwuzz@juno.com. KMA ♦

Greetings to all of you from the paradise known as the California Central Coast. Memorial Day, as you know, initiated the summer season, which is now in full swing and a lot is happening throughout Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. Pismo Beach just had an awesome classic car show that drew participants and spectators from all over the state. The various strawberry festivals have gone full swing and Paso Robles recently held its annual air show and is gearing up for the SLO County Fair beginning on July 29th.

A well-deserved congratulations to new Fuzz member, **Greg Dossey**, who just mentored his first recruit class at the POST Certified Police Academy at Alan Hancock College, in Santa Maria. Dossey is the new Academy coordinator for law enforcement training. Good job, Greg.

Retirement Tip

Remember, folks, retirement can bring a change in lifestyle for most of us and we have to be alert to some of the pitfalls. One rule is to try to stay in the best physical shape we can. When we leave the regiment of working every day it can be easy to let ourselves go downhill, physically, and it can be difficult to climb back into shape. Get a good physical examination to determine what you can do in the way of exercise and then go for it. Just a 20-minute walk a day can do wonders for one's physical as well as mental state. I lay a lot of sports with seniors (softball, tennis and golf), many of whom are in their sixties, seventies, and eighties, and I am truly amazed at how well these individuals participate in the activities and enjoy the friendly competition and camaraderie. So do something you enjoy and keep in shape.

Inland Northwest Division Annual Steak Fry

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More Retirement News on next page

RETIREMENT NEWS

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

This is the time of the year when you can finally get warmed up in Sacramento! It starts off with a hot 4th of July celebration and ends with the temperature trying to reach or actually reaching 100 degrees! But hey! It's great! Loosens everybody up!

Speaking of loosening everybody up, c'mon to our next SABLA luncheon, set for Thursday, July 8th. We're still at the Palomino Restaurant at Watt & El

way away. Why even Ed Slattery and his wife Marly came in from Parker, Arizona. Actually, they were close by visiting their daughter Chris in Sacramento!

L. C. & Carol Browne from Elk Grove showed. I made "light" of not seeing him at our regular luncheons, but L. C. is teaching school full time and cannot get to our Palomino get-togethers. I said it before. And I'll say it again. Our ex-LAPDers are so talented in "sooo" many ways, it didn't surprise me when someone told me that an "old" Intelligence-



This is the front door of our monthly luncheon house - The Palomino.

Camino in Sacramento. However, the Palomino does have some new owners, and a change of management. Our luncheons will remain the same price, and we'll still have one of the private banquet rooms. But they do now ask for a guaranteed MINIMUM attendance. It's OK if we have a few too many, but we need to establish a minimum. So please call Hoy Key at (916) 771-9206. Let him know if you're coming to lunch. If Hoy estimates 35 and only 30 show, SABLA pays for the five no-shows. So can you help us out here?? We'll get used to it, I'm sure. (See photo.)

May '99 was a busy month for SABLA. First we had our regular luncheon at the Palomino, and then a few days later we were out in the fresh air at our "Spring Fling" near Placerville. Former SABLA Prez Ed Lewandowski and his wife Cindy set up this BBQ picnic outing, and use of the fishing pond on private property at Greenstone near Placerville.

We had a great group of 60+ X-LAPDers show up, and some came from a long

type like L. C. would be teaching school!

Tony & Carolyn Baldassano, another former Intelligence-type, but still working at the Lottery, helped out with the setup. But he just lives a short distance away. So it was easy! Right, Tony?

Ron & Marilyn Kiser from Sonoma, way across to the west, who have hosted the "Fall Classic" for SABLA for many years, did make it too. Always the athlete, Ron was begging for someone to play volleyball with him! The court and all was ready, but no takers. As the SABLA horseshoe champion, no one would take him at 'shoes! But Ron was ready! I heard some mumbling about bocce ball, but no "takers" there either! Ha! Ha!

Chuck & Tamara Aselin were there to say their goodbyes. They've sold their home in Placerville and have bought a new home in Del Webb's Sun City in Palm Desert. So back to SoCal for them. Now the family will be closer together. Stop back anytime. You can still send your \$15 a year dues, Chuck. We'll accept it anytime!



From left: Tony Baladassano, L.C. Browne, Carolyn Baladassano, Carol Browne & (standing) Bob Keel.

The Roseville Sun City ex-LAPDers should buy a van to get to meetings, BBQs etc. There's enough of us. Charlie & Carmen Long, Chuck & Joan Blogin, Hal & Johnene White, Hoy Key and friend Wilma, my wife Judy and I, and when they go, Lew & Grace Ritter.

Which by the way Lew and Grace are in their new home in Sun City. The golf balls coming in their yard all the time convinced them to move to another new home in Sun City, NOT on the golf course!

One guy we haven't seen in a long time was tailgating me on the way into the BBQ

finally got some of us to put a fishing line in the water. Nate had live worms! His friend Clara was seen catching a big sunfish! Must've weighed a half-pound! Nate made her put it back in though, and the fish swam happily away.

Another guy we don't see too often is Rich Nevarez. He and wife Gillian are active with IPA too! But Rich is like a lot of us—still working. I'm told he is a full-time jailer at the El Dorado County Sheriff's Jail in Placerville.

An old Metro buddy Tom Vigen and wife Jeanne were there, but we didn't see



Bill Johnston (left) and Tom Vigen (right) - "C'mon, Tom. Try a beer. It's so good."

grounds. None other than Bill Johnston! Told me he was working too much—PI stuff he couldn't talk about! Former Metro-Boss Bud Lewallen and his wife Judy were there. Where were you by the way? Bob & Ferna Keel just got back from Spain! I didn't even know they were gone! But they go so much, it's hard to keep track of these two travel "gurus"! I need to talk to Bob and catch up on the news. Also to find out how they do it!

All of us did take a break from all the physical activity—keeping out of the wind is "tough"—and lined up for the catered food, BBQ style. If you were suffering from hunger, this would have cured you! Plenty of chicken, beef and the best tasting pork ribs ever! I saw Bob Totans go through the line twice. I also heard that Ted Morton went through more than once! And that wasn't for wife Ann's food either. He was on his own! True? Maybe it was for salad only! Steve Tilden is back among us and he would have no trouble in anybody's chow line. Steve could do "another 20" with no sweat!

Dennis McDonald was seen "chowin down"—and yes, he's still retired. And staying that way! Former SABLA Prez Carl Kuehn and wife Ellie are still in Elk Grove, and brought daughter Julie Shocklee. Carl has been on a new security job with Health Net for some time. So no more job "apps" for Carl for now. He's doing just fine.

SABLA regulars Bill & Muriel McMonagle were there facing the wind. Muriel is having some eyesight problems these days, but she looks so good no one would ever know!

Ray Lauritzen, a charter SABLA member, arrived in time with his grand daughter Christine Ryan. Another regular and charter member Nate Iannone

you. Missed it again, huh?

We asked Chuck Ward to put together a nominating committee for next fiscal year's election of SABLA honchos! Wife Lorrie will probably give him a hand.

Mike Brandt was not climbing mountains in any exotic place that weekend, so he and wife Audrey were there to eat and have a good time. Mike said something about South Africa. He's either just been or just leaving! A SABLAee who is always there is Chuck Crawford. Along with his wife, Millie. Chuck was seen entering the chow line more than once, or was it twice?

Although the day was a "wee bit" windy, the sun was out and a few sunburns were noted. The picnic was great fun and all of us had a chance to meet and greet. Thank you all for coming. If you missed it, it won't be back again for another year! Sorry!

We always meet on the second Thursday of the month, at the Palomino Restaurant at Watt & El Camino in Sacramento at 1130. This month it will be Thursday, July 8th. Storytelling time is 1130, with lunch at 1200 and any guest speaker starts at 1230. Hangin' around after is OK!

If you can't make it to one of our monthly luncheons, write to us at P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. We'll find someone with good eyesight to read your letter to everyone. If you send photos, we pass them around and say, "Who in the h--- is that?"

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.

Here we go again . . .



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Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on July 21, 1999, at "The Lamplighter" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. There is no set start time so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. We meet in the room adjacent to the bar lounge. A special lunch menu is available.

We had 29 at the May 19, 1999, meeting. The attendees were Don Barnett (7433), John Becker (5059), Ted Debs (6808), Emmett Drennen (3279), Ray Elmer (5607), Ed Elliott (4703), Don Erath (5244), Clinton Erickson (5608), John (5918) and Lois Evans, Bob Fritz (4583) and Martha Fritz, Robert Gibson (4585), Maurie Goldstein (6227), Mel Harner (4501), Carl

Our Next Luncheon Meeting: July 21, 1999 at the Lamplighter Restaurant

Hegge (6234), Morrie Henkin (5247), Glen Kailey (3503), Bobbie and Bud (6680) Long, Boris Meneghelli (3522), Paul Nicholas (4074), Joe Nieznalski (5014), Ray Palaszewski (6934), Ben (3190), and Joyce Reineke, Charlotte Stevenson, Ed Wendlenner (11914), and Rose Wever (6418).

Since our last lunch I have received some calls with information. Ed Berger (2717) of Durham, CA, has read the Blue Line column and said he had come on the job in April, 1942, and retired in 1972. He had seen Guy Schlotzhauer's name and had worked with him on the department. John Kepke (4603) is recuperating from quad heart bypass surgery. Bill Guildner (3450) informed me Henry Acosta had a hip replacement in mid May. Leonard Reafleng (5666) is recovering from foot surgery. I had an E-mail from Dave Stanton currently living in Boise, ID, was to have knee replacement surgery May 14th.

It is time to mark your calendars for the annual BBQ at Dale Rickard's Ranch in Malibu. It will be on Sunday, October 24, 1999, the Sunday before Pacific Daylight Time ends. Details will be in the September and October columns in the Blue Line.

For information about meetings, call me (Erickson) at (818) 340-2430.

Dates to Remember

July

July 7	Serge Riyevski	1700	1800
July 7	David Lambert (and)	1600	1800
July 7	Mike Brown	1600	1800
July 8	Dave Smith	1630	
July 8	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	1200
July 9	Thomas Page	1700	
July 15	Thomas Appleby	1630	1830
July 16	Terry Minton	1700	1830
July 21	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
July 23	Terry Wessel	1730	1830
July 28	Kerell Broussard	1730	1830
July 29	Anthony Alba	1700	1800
July 30	Steve Haberfield	1700	1800

August

August 6	Raul Galindo	1800	1900
August 12	Sam Masuda	1700	1800
August 13	Stan Chavez	1800	1900
August 13	Keith Johnson, E.R. Eyster, Ira Putnam, Bob Baker, Larry Clark, George Lafferty, Bruce Nelson (Air Support)	1700	1900
August 20	Lenny Muñoz	1700	1830
August 22	Cops for Tots Auto Show	0800	1600
August 25	Ralph Wight	1600	1730
August 25	Billy Greenwell	1600	1700
August 28	Inland Northwest Steak Fry	1400	1730

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Although the date has passed, we are publishing this retirement announcement for commemorative purposes.

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From 1600 hrs to 2200 hrs

Mike's Rap Sheet

Contacts: Paul Conzfeld @ NDVB (818) 756-8561 or Rhonda Vangilder @ Det. Dets (818) 756-8291

RETIREMENT BARBECUE It's Quitting Time for Captain Dave Smith

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The Los Angeles Police Department Announces a Retirement Party Honoring DETECTIVE II TERRY G. MINTON #20719 ANTI-TERRORIST DIVISION

Friday July 16th, 1999 25 YEARS

@ The Los Angeles Police Academy 1880 N. Academy Dr.

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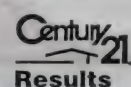
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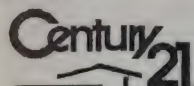


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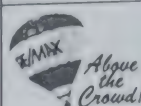
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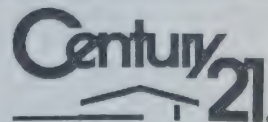
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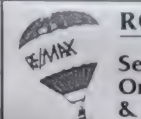
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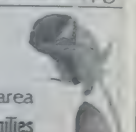
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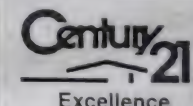
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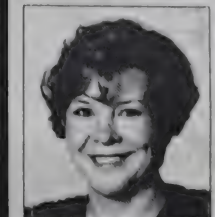
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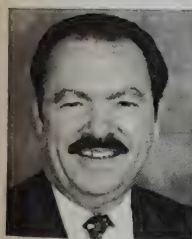
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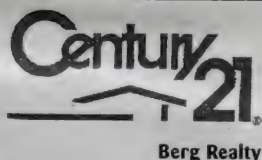
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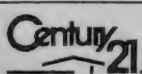


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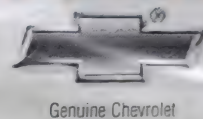
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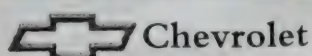


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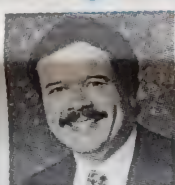
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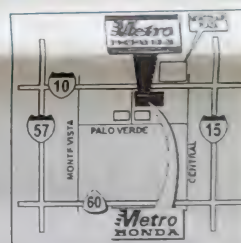
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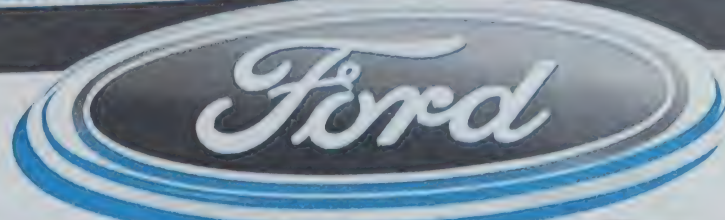
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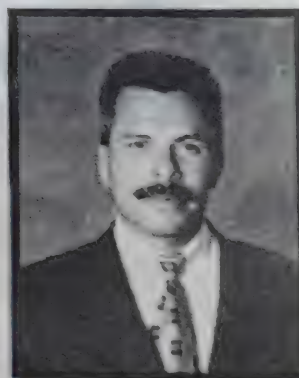
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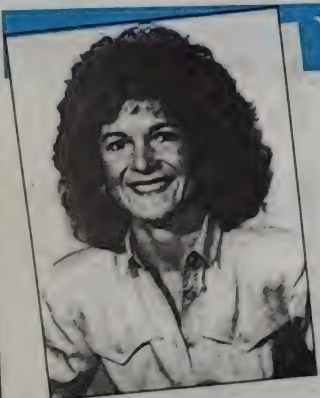
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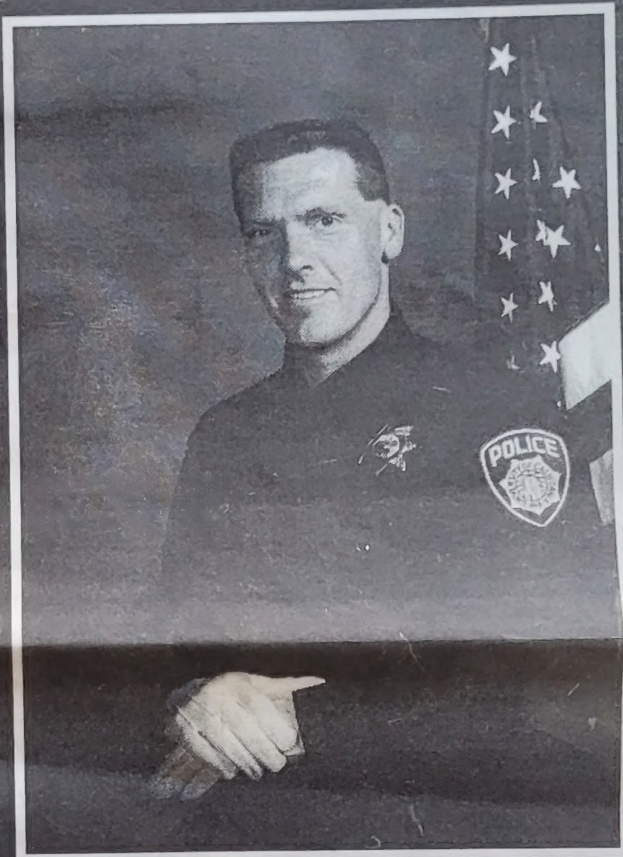


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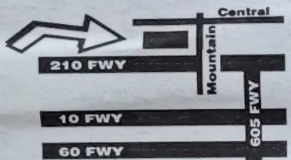
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